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THE WEATHER

LOUISIANA: Considerable cloudiness; warmer in west and north portions Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, warmer in southeast portion.

ARKANSAS: Cloudy and slightly warmer, light rain in extreme northeast Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, colder in west portion.

MONROE: Maximum 46.9; minimum 32.3.

SOVIET TROOPS CUT VITEBSK-POLOTSK RAIL LINE

itterest Year-End f War Is Faced By ermany And Japan

Interpretation By

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he bitterest year-end of the war Germany and Japan alike comes h ominous intimations from Presi- t Roosevelt that crucial campaigns crush the Axis fellowship are close hand not alone in Europe, but oss the Pacific.

There is no slacking up in what the esident's broadcast terms the "stern ensives" by Russian armies in the t. A rearranged Allied command tern announced by the president the European and Mediterranean aters forebodes early completion of steel-shod circle about Germany m the west as well as the south d east—with no letup in pre-inva- n air pounding of crucial Nazi tar- s.

Aside from the reassignment of neral Eisenhower to command the ack from the west, perhaps Mr. osevelt's most striking disclosure s that General Marshall's confer- ces with General MacArthur and miral Nimitz presaged "bad news" Japan in the not too distant fu- re. That may serve ultimately to plain the rescinding of the Allied cision made at Quebec to send Mar- all to the European command.

Nor is that the only respect in which e Allied victory directives drawn at Quebec have been or will be ised to meet subsequent and un- eseen developments. There has been complete a change in the whole r picture in the Pacific, in Asia and Europe, in the last four months t it is probable many of the Que- strategic decisions were outdated fore they could be brought into ex- ution.

Allied war leadership could have d no more than hopes at Quebec at Russia would be able to push the d army offensive right through the ar into another winter. The Teheran ference which has opened the way r the concerted three-way Russian- llied attack on Germany could not en be foreseen.

The Quebec timing schedule for the est front attack now entrusted to eral Eisenhower for development cessarily was contingent upon what ppened in the Atlantic. Since then e U-boat menace has receded and e Portuguese grant of base facilities the Azores has helped clinch Allied

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SEVERAL HURT IN 4 AUTO MISHAPS

Three Women Taken To Hospital After Cars In Collision

Four automobile accidents were sted at police headquarters in Mon- oe within a six-hour period over he week-end, according to informa- ion released Saturday from the office f B. L. Brantley, chief of police.

At 1:45 a.m. Saturday a 1941 Ply- outh sedan driven by Dr. D. E. Gremillion of Ferriday crashed into e front end of a 1941 Buick sedan, aid to have been parked on the left and side of North Third street, and eaded north. One woman occupant rom each of the two cars was taken o St. Francis sanitarium for treat- ment by the Dixie Funeral Home mbulance. Miss Bonnie Holloway, one of the occupants just getting back into he parked Buick car driven by W. B. Bennett, Jr., is being treated at he sanitarium for lacerations about he face.

Mrs. John Johnson, 515 Pine street, passenger in the Gremillion car, was uffering from lacerations about the nkle. The Gremillion car was travel- ng south on North Third street when t crashed head-on into the Buick ar parked on the wrong side of the oad, according to police reports. Both ars sustained considerable damage. Mrs. Dan Gremillion was also listed s a patient in St. Francis sanitarium. Dr. Gremillion has been residing re- ently at 1103 North Third street.

W. M. Stark of West Monroe re- ported to police at 9 o'clock Friday ight that he had run into a man, T. A. Poag, on the new traffic bridge on

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PHILADELPHIA FIRE KILLS 2, HURTS 12

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Two persons were killed, 12 injured and 130 scantily clad tenants driven from their yule decorated apartments into 18-degree cold when a Christmas morning fire raged through a three-story brick apartment building.

Filled Christmas stockings were left behind and scorched gifts were hurled from the windows while residents jumped into firenets or were carried down ladders by firemen.

Mrs. Bertha Harmon Wallace, 72, widow of Herbert A. Wallace, Reading company official, was suffocated in her apartment. Martin Mahoney, 55, janitor of the 38-apartment structure, was burned to death.

Mrs. Mildred Maynard, 44, a tenant, was the only injured person whose condition was reported serious.

Cause of the fire was not determined and there has been no estimate of damage.

FIERCE STRUGGLE RAGES FOR ORTONA

'Molotov Cocktails' Used By Canadians In Effort To Dislodge Nazis

CAIRO RADIO SAYS CITY ALREADY HAS BEEN TAKEN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Canadian troops lighted the Christmas season with "Molotov cocktails" in their grim battle to push the Germans out of the northwest corner of Ortona on the Adriatic, while the American Fifth army stormed and won two more hill positions on the Nazi winter line in Italy, Allied headquarters announced today.

(The Cairo radio declared that the Allies have taken Ortona, which is the last main defense point before the Adriatic port of Pescara.)

The Germans in Ortona fighting with utmost tenacity still maintained their foothold against the Canadians, who used their "Molotov cocktails"—bottles filled with gasoline and fuel oil with a lighted wick attached—grenades and every kind of weapon they could lay their hands on to blast the enemy out of basement strong points.

Activity of the Fifth army was hampered by rain, but American troops did capture two hills and other high ground two miles east of Acquafondola yesterday, the Allied communique said.

It also announced that Allied motor

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40,000 MEN IN STEEL WALKOUT

Work Stoppage May Be Forerunner Of Paralyzing Strike

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A work stoppage by more than 40,000 steel workers began in Ohio on Christmas day, possibly the forerunner of a paralyzing strike involving a large part of the war-vital industry.

Collective bargaining contracts expired at 214 companies employing about 350,000 workers with no agreement in sight between the employers and the United Steel Workers of America (C. I. O.).

The union is asking a 17-cents-an-hour wage raise from the present standard of 78 cents. If granted, it would crack the War Labor board's Little Steel formula.

Conditions generally were quiet in steel mill towns, with many plants idle in observance of the holiday while others operated normally.

But in Ohio picket lines formed at the midnight shift last night at mills in Cleveland and Youngstown of the Republic Steel corporation and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, and more than 35,000 workers were idle there. Pickets also appeared at the Corrigan-McKinney works in Cleveland and a stoppage involved several thousands. Pickets withdrew early in the morning.

Republic and Youngstown Sheet and Tube are the largest companies among those whose union contracts expired. Mills also were idle at the Great Lakes Steel corporation in Detroit and the Wheeling Steel corporation, in West Virginia and Ohio, but spokesmen for these and other companies said this was due to the Christmas week-end.

A showdown was expected Monday when all mills would resume regular schedules. Mills also operate on Sunday but the number of men then is perhaps less than 50 per cent of that on regular week-days, in the opinion of some steel men.

AUSTIN PREDICTS LABOR DRAFT LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—On the heels of President Roosevelt's invasion statement, Senator Austin, Republican, Vermont, said today congress soon will be confronted with the necessity of enacting a national labor draft law.

"The time for a national service act is imminent," he told reporters upon disclosing that members of the senate military affairs committee had conducted a confidential study of home-front manpower in relation to a stepped-up war tempo.

The Vermonter declined to make public details of the report, but said "it has increased our belief that we are confronted with the necessity of such direction of the labor resources of the country as will increase the efficiency of our war effort; it must be increased, and in my opinion legislation will be necessary to accomplish it."

The manpower study was conducted under the direction of Colonel Lewis Sanders, adviser to the military affairs committee. It covered military and industrial manpower needs and prospects as of December 6.

Austin indicated he would seek action by the military committee soon after congress reconvenes January 10 on the pending compulsory service legislation jointly sponsored by him and Representative Wadsworth, Republican, New York.

30 JAPANESE FIGHTER PLANES ARE SHOT DOWN OVER RABAUL

Yuletide Europe In Ominous Lull

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—An ominous Christmas lull settled over the air front in Europe today after Friday's great all-day Allied assault on secret objectives at Pas De Calais and on Berlin.

There was no announcement of a holiday truce and Germans still fighting fires in what was left of their capital and wearily surveying the wreckage of their defense installations on the point of land closest to Britain were left to wonder where the next crushing Allied blow would fall.

In the only aerial activity reported, RAF Typhoon fighters on a holiday patrol over Brittany shot down a long-range German bomber as it took off from an air field over Lorient.

Meanwhile the air ministry announced that the RAF had now dropped 200,000 tons of bombs on Germany since the start of the war. The report said the figure was reached after Friday's raid on Berlin. The first 100,000 tons was unloaded on Nazi targets between 1940 and the spring of 1943 but the second 100,000 was delivered in only seven months, starting May 23 of this year.

The huge tonnage is that dropped by the RAF alone and does not include the great weight of bombs showered on German targets in 1943 by the U. S. army air force.

If, as many persons in London believe, the greatest American air armada of 1,300 planes was out after alleged "rocket-gun" emplacements on the French coast closest to England then the British had cause for peace of mind tonight, for returning crewmen said they did a very good job of destruction on the secret targets. The German radio indicated the American assault yesterday was more widespread than first announced with attacks on targets in Belgium and Holland.

The unprecedented fury of the pre-Christmas Allied aerial assaults which began with the Berlin raid overwhelmed the Germans' harried defenses.

Only 17 planes were lost. This was the lightest price the RAF has had to pay for a raid since it began to destroy Berlin in earnest.

ROOSEVELTS AT HOME CHRISTMAS

Old-Fashioned Yuletide Enjoyed By President And Family

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Dec. 25.—(AP)—It was an old-fashioned Christmas for the president and Mrs. Roosevelt—a day to enjoy family and friends and to observe Yuletide traditions which the Roosevelts consider entirely their own.

Like most other American families, they celebrated Christmas in their own home, but it was the first time they had done so since Mr. Roosevelt became chief executive in 1933.

The Roosevelt observance followed a pattern set many years ago. Seven grand-children were up early, eying eagerly the presents under a tall Christmas tree—Mr. Roosevelt grows Christmas trees commercially on his estate.

It was just too much to expect excited youngsters to wait until afternoon to open their gifts, as did the oldsters. So they soon were busy peeking into packages, pulling out treasures and exclaiming with delight.

The tree was set up in the library of the stone and stucco Roosevelt home. It is a south room with massive furniture, including a chair Mr. Roosevelt used when he was governor of New York. While it is a library in fact, with tiers of books around the walls, actually it serves as the living room.

French doors open into a large porch overlooking a rolling lawn which drops steeply to one side down toward the Hudson river.

A few old friends and neighbors were in and out during the day, but for the most part Christmas at the Roose-

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ARREST MADE IN SOLDIER'S DEATH

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Lynn Beek, 39, driver for Twin City Cab company in Alexandria, was held in city jail at Shreveport today for investigation in the death of an unidentified soldier who died early yesterday at Barksdale field hospital after an altercation on the new highway bridge across Red river.

Beek is alleged to be the man who chased the soldier part of the way across the bridge, brandishing a hammer and trying to collect the fare he charged for bringing the soldier from Alexandria to Shreveport.

He was arrested at Pineville yesterday by Detective Ryan of the Alexandria police force, and the city marshal of Pineville. He was brought to Shreveport by Detectives Charles Crabtree and L. V. Smith.

Nipponese Increase Aerial Activity In Mid-Pacific Defense

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Sunday, Dec. 26.—(AP)—In new blows struck in the battle for New Britain, Allied air might has battered a Rabaul airdrome while downing 30 defending Japanese planes, has sunk a troop-laden ship near the Arawe invasion beachhead and has raised the bomb tonnage poured on Cape Gloucester this month past 3,000.

These developments were announced today by headuarters of General MacArthur.

By Leonard Milliman

(Associated Press War Editor)

Increased Japanese activity in defense of Rabaul and their mid-Pacific Marshall island holdings and in attacks on American installations in the Gilbert islands was reported by American commanders today.

At least 30 Japanese fighters were shot down over Rabaul, key enemy base on New Britain island, by American fighters and bombers from the Solomon islands, General Douglas MacArthur's Sunday communique said. Six other interceptors were probably shot down. The fact that 30 or 36 were downed indicated the Japanese put up a heavy defense force.

Tokyo radio said there were 135 planes in the attacking force. It claimed 53 were shot down in the raid Friday. MacArthur said four American planes were lost.

American bombers, setting the pace

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DUCK HUNTER ON RIVER DROWNED

R. J. Wills, Grand Street Grocer, Lost After Boat Overturns

R. J. Wills, grocer at 1907 South Grand street, drowned in the Ouachita river before dawn yesterday and Monroe firemen operating the American Legion emergency truck called a halt in efforts to find the body last night when fog on the river became so dense that even the emergency searchlights were unable to pierce it.

Firemen planned to return to the scene of the drowning, at Lock Lomond on the river, early Sunday to continue their efforts in the icy waters.

Mr. Wills had left home at 3 a.m. Christmas day in a duck hunting party including his son, R. J. Wills, Jr., T. H. Hobbs and Jules Parks, Jr. They got into a boat and were about the middle of the river when the boat capsized, throwing all its occupants into the icy water. The men clung to the sides of the boat and in the pre-dawn darkness none could determine the direction of shore.

Parks, however, left the boat and swam to the bank, summoning help when he got there.

Wills, despite the encouragement of his companions, finally lost his grip on the capsized boat and disappeared into the darkness. Parks, having secured another boat, later returned to rescue the other men.

Firemen estimated the depth of the river at the point the boat capsized at 12 feet.

TOTAL OF 235 BASKETS OF FOOD, CLOTHES GIVEN NEEDY

Previously acknowledged	$1,771.55
W. C. Feazel	25.00
Carol Page	5.00
Total	$1,801.55

Good Fellows went to new limits for the Twin Cities! The generous public exceeded by approximately $400 the peak sum realized in past years for which we are deeply grateful.

Into the homes of many despairing men, women and little children a ray of hope and exhibition of true Christian brotherhood were presented when good things to eat, badly-needed, warm clothing for winter, and other essentials were brought to their midst through Good Fellows.

Defying unfriendly elements, Good Fellows made their way through the Twin Cities conveying, on city trucks, baskets laden with eatables and packages of clothing. Toys were by no means overlooked and little girls received much prized dolls, and play things for boys.

Good Fellows must first of all thank B. B. Martin for his marvelous work which he does every year as "Chief Good Fellow," a work that is close to his generous heart and is a consuming hobby as year after year goes by. We then must thank Captain Hesketh of the Salvation Army and his staff and all the women who toiled many hours in connection with the preparation of the gifts.

The Twin City Printing company must also receive thanks for the cards printed which accompanied the baskets, bringing a breath of Christmas cheer to recipients.

That the donors of the Good Fellows fund may have a better idea of how funds were invested we print the open letter from Mr. Martin to Wilson Ewing, publisher of the News-Star—World as follows:

"Dear Mr. Fwing:

"As chairman of the Good Fellows fund, I wish to thank you, on behalf of the unfortunate of Monroe, for the good work in sponsoring this fund, as every dollar is used only for the purpose for which it was given by the many Good Fellows in Monroe, for everyone that contributed any money toward this fund can rest assured that it was used to the greatest advantage, and they also should enjoy their own Christmas more by knowing that they have helped others, less fortunate than they themselves are.

"I make this following report so that you and all the Good Fellows of Monroe will know what was done with the money. We packed and delivered 235 big bags of food and clothing in Monroe, West Monroe and colored sections of Monroe. These sacks of food went to, in most cases, mothers with from one to ten children, a lot of these mothers being widows, to old people, both men and women, sick and crippled. These bags contained essential foods and meats, fruits and candy.

"I wish again to thank you and your Mr. H. H. Brinsmade and Mr. George Lofton and others of your organization for the good work done. I also wish to thank Captain Hesketh of the Salvation Army, who so earnestly worked and cooperated with me to the fullest extent in this work.

"Wishing you and your organization a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am.

"Yours very truly,
"B. B. MARTIN."

NEW TOP CHIEF PLEASES TROOPS

Soldiers Waiting To Invade From England Hail Announcement

AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN ARE QUIETLY CONFIDENT

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Untold thousands of American soldiers observing their last pre-invasion Christmas in Britain glowed with pride tonight in the announcement that General Dwight D. Eisenhower had been named supreme commander of the Allied grand assault upon Hitler's Europe.

The dramatic Christmas Eve timing of the Eisenhower announcement, synchronized with yesterday's attack on the French "invasion coast" by the greatest Allied aerial armada in history, touched off a new wave of conjecture over the date of the Allied cross-channel thrust.

American fighting men also accepted with quiet confidence and a sense of destiny Senator Johnson's statement in Washington that the United States will provide 73 per cent of the troops to be used in storming Hitler's west wall—probably within the next 90 days.

Eisenhower's appointment was hailed by British commentators as the harbinger of Germany's final downfall, and from Moscow came word that the choice was viewed there as indicating the earnestness of the Allied promise to deliver the "blow from the west" for which the Russians have long hoped.

Dispatches from Allied headquarters in North Africa said British and Americans alike were sorry to lose Eisenhower. A British colonel, summing up the reaction of staff officers, said:

"I've never felt more sorry about anything in my life than to see him leave here. In 35 years of military service I have never encountered an officer whom I deemed it a greater privilege and pleasure to serve."

Another Algiers dispatch said General Eisenhower had returned to headquarters today from a tour of the front, and was expected to begin conferences to select the staff he will take with him to help lead the second-front forces, and arrange to turn the African theater over to General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, his successor.

In London there was no flicker of dissatisfaction over the choice of an American to lead the greatest expeditionary force history has ever known.

A typical comment came from the British Press association:

"His handling not only of military operations in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy but of the equally complex political problems made easier the task of selec-

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SOLDIERS RECEIVE PLENTY OF TURKEY

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Every American soldier in the European theater of operations from private to general had turkey and all the trimmings for Christmas dinner today.

This was the basic menu for every London mess: cream of tomato soup, pineapple salad, roast turkey, cranberry sauce and dressing, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, celery, pumpkin pie and coffee.

Every London mess also had a Christmas tree and some were decorated with colored paper, but food was the main attraction for the soldiers.

THOUSANDS OF PILGRIMS HEAR GREAT BETHLEHEM BELLS CHIME

MAY RESUME RAIL CONFERENCE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Railroad management and union representatives may return tomorrow to their joint search for an accord in the wage controversy which, after more than a year, is heading into a strike deadline set for next Thursday only five days away.

When the conferees adjourned on Christmas eve, they guaranteed themselves only a one-day holiday.

Bert M. Jewell, chairman of the committee of 15 non-operating unions, said that although no definite arrangements were made for Sunday "there may be something doing." A few of the rail union leaders left for their homes, but most of them, including the executive committees of three operating unions, remained in Washington for the holiday week-end.

Despite the deadline, confidence prevailed in Washington that railroad transportation would not be interrupted. President Roosevelt plans to order government operation 24 hours in advance of the deadline in the event an agreement is not reached. It is understood that the employes would work for the government and a tie-up thereby would be averted. Both sides, however, expressed hope of a settlement.

HOPKINS DENIES WILLKIE LETTER

Says He Did Not Predict Former Candidate Would Be Nominated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, intimate of President Roosevelt, today denied he had written a letter predicting that Wendell L. Willkie would be the next Republican presidential nominee and which some persons interpreted as an attempt to "purge" Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, with Willkie's aid.

The purported letter is quoted in the book "One Man—Wendell Willkie," written by C. Nelson Sparks, former Republican mayor of Akron.

The book, which also charges Willkie supporters attempted to "buy delegates" at the Republican national convention in 1940 and which has been called "sheer bunk" by Willkie, is the subject of a proposed senate investigation under a resolution offered by Senator Langer, Republican, North Dakota. Leading senators say the inquiry probably will never take place.

Quotes from the letter which Sparks says Hopkins wrote August 17 to Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist university at Dallas, Texas, are published in Sparks' book as follows:

"What has been done in the * * * matter? Will you write me please? What developments in the other situation? Wendell Willkie is going to be the man, in my opinion, and I can promise you good cooperation from that quarter if you think it would be helpful."

From this letter, Sparks concludes that the White House expects Willkie to be the nominee. Representative Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, said on the house floor November 26 that the book reveals a scheme to use the "corrupt Willkie machine" to purge certain senators in the next Democratic primaries.

Although Senator Connally is not up for reelection until 1946, his name was mentioned in published reports as being the target of the alleged Hopkins letter and that Dr. Lee was being groomed to run for the senate seat. Dr. Lee previously denied knowledge of the letter.

RAIN MELTS ICE OVER LARGE AREA

(By Associated Press)

Steady rain and rising temperatures Saturday night melted ice over a good portion of the Southeast that through the day had paralyzed highway traffic and crippled communications.

Rain that froze as it struck the ground and sleet in North Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and North Alabama made highway travel all but impossible through most of Christmas day.

Bus terminals in Atlanta reported most lines on schedule late in the day, but after being disrupted throughout the forenoon.

In Atlanta street car and bus lines were off schedule due to the ice that sheathed trolley wires and streets, as well as trees and houses. The coating was not as heavy as several years ago when miles of electric and telephone wire collapsed beneath a load of ice.

Memphis police broadcast a warning to motorists Christmas eve to stay off the streets, after 35 accidents were reported in two hours time.

Although the ice coating made highways dangerous, few fatal accidents were reported. The Georgia highway patrol said many cars skidded from the roads in the northern section of the state.

The weather bureau predicted rain would continue over the territory over Sunday, but warmer temperatures would remove the ice hazard.

Men Wearing Battle-Dress Of Many Nations See Reenactment

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Thousands of Pilgrims, most of them in Allied battle-dress, heard the great bells of Bethlehem chime at midnight in tidings of a new Christmas—the fourth since World War II began.

Once again this holy village became the scene of the reenactment of Christendom's greatest and most vital drama. The pageantry itself, the legacy of centuries of heritage, served as a reaffirmation that the principles for which Christ died have not been surrendered.

Among the Pilgrims were Russian, Polish, Greek, Czech, British, American and Palestinian Christians as well as Chinese. Many of the Palestinian Christians perhaps were descendants of the same townspeople who thronged Bethlehem's cobbled streets on that night nearly 2,000 years ago when the three wise men offered their first gifts and the Christmas tradition was born.

The ritual began at 1:30 p.m., yesterday when his beatitude the Latin Patriarch, Mgr. Louis Barlassina, passed through the historic Jaffa gate leading out of Jerusalem and took up his journey on the twisting six-mile road to Bethlehem—the ancient Roman road followed by Mary and Joseph on the eve of the nativity.

Making his triumphal entry into Bethlehem, the Patriarch traversed the square and quickly passed through the stone courtyard and into the Church of St. Catherine, which is part of the Church of the Nativity, and which stands over the cave where Jesus was born.

Mass succeeded mass within the dark confines of the Basilica as various sects again and again acknowledged the Redeemer. The Patriarch finished his prayers at midnight and as the bells rang out, the babe—glorious simulacrum of the Christ child—stood revealed at the altar in a triumphal ceremony.

The procession then descended into the tiny cave where mass again was celebrated as candles threw their flickering shadows against the walls of the Holy Grotto.

The Patriarch placed the babe on the silver star beneath the altar which marks the precise spot where Jesus was born. Then the reenactment of the greatest event of all time was concluded when the babe was placed in the manger just as Joseph had done hundreds of years ago.

FAVORS SOLDIER VOTE AMENDMENT

O'Mahoney Would Give Congress Right To Facilitate Ballot

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—A speedy constitutional amendment giving congress undisputed power to facilitate voting by service men and service women in federal elections was suggested today by Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, as a solution to the No. 1 political perplexity confronting congress when it reconvened January 10.

A nation which ratified repeal of prohibition in 368 days, the Wyoming senator declared, can approve a soldier vote plan in much less time.

"I believe," he said in a formal statement, "that a constitutional amendment should be introduced on the first day of the new session, giving congress the power by law to provide for the participation of soldiers in the coming election and for the counting * * * of the ballots which they shall cast."

The senator contended the proper method for removing what he viewed as state impediments to balloting by service men would be the enactment of a "superior law"—by amendment of the federal constitution which, by its own terms is the "supreme law of the land."

"Few people will doubt," he said, "that when the congress of the United States, in pursuance of its constitutional power to raise and maintain armies, takes the young men of the nation from their homes and their business and places guns in their hands to defend the national existence, it can also protect them from the loss of their privilege to participate in federal elections, just as it has endeavored to protect them from the loss of their jobs."

President Roosevelt, in his broadcast yesterday evinced the administration's desire that soldier voting be facilitated.

QUEEN SEES LIGHT OF BETTER FUTURE

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Queen Wilhelmina told her people in occupied Holland in a Christmas broadcast tonight that "this is still a dark Christmas but through the oppressive darkness the light of a better future is beginning to show."

"There are many signs of approaching victory," said the queen. "There will be one last struggle, then the brave, untiring fighters for liberty and justice will have beaten the enemy of all that is sacred to us."

REDS CLOSE IN ON GERMAN BASE

Berlin Says Russians Again On Offensive In Area West Of Kiev

GERMANS ADMIT SEVERAL BREACHES MADE IN LINE

LONDON, Sunday, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Soviet troops cut the Vitebsk-Polotsk Nazi supply highway, captured more than 200 communities, killed 2,000 Germans and took 600 prisoners yesterday in their powerful drive toward Vitebsk in northern White Russia, Moscow said early today, while Berlin announced the Red army had struck with 15,000 men in a reopening of their Ukraine offensive west of Kiev.

General Ivan Bagramian's Baltic army, driving south from Nevel, reached to within 15 miles of the German bastion city of Vitebsk by capturing the town of Zaluchye on the Nevel-Vitebsk railway. Zaluchye is six miles south of Gorodok, taken yesterday.

The Moscow midnight communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast, said units of one Russian formation cut the Vitebsk-Polotsk highway despite German attempts by fierce counterattacks to prevent the loss of the supply artery "which is of very great importance to them."

The communique gave no further details of the area in which the road was cut, but on large scale maps the highway is located about five miles north and parallel to the railway which runs from Vitebsk 60 miles west northwest to Polotsk.

Moscow broadcasts and dispatches said the Red army was less than five miles from the railroad which has been within Soviet artillery range for several days. Both the railway and the highway now are useless to the German garrison of Vitebsk since one is under fire and the other has been cut. The Germans, however, still have a line open south to Orsha, where other lines go west to Lepel and Borisov.

The Germans attempted to stem the Russian wave south of Gorodok with counter-attacks but were forced into hasty retreat, the communique said. Seventeen Nazi tanks were destroyed and 56 guns and mortars were captured by the Russians.

The communique also reported that another 1,000 Germans were killed as reinforced German counter-drives southwest of Zhlobin in southern White Russia failed repeatedly.

In the new Russian offensive reported by the Germans west of Kiev, Berlin admitted several breaches in its lines as the Red army took the initiative from Nazi divisions which have been counter-attacking nearly six weeks. Battle lines here were approximately 75 miles east of the pre-1939 Polish border.

Although the Russians were silent on this sector—the usual procedure for the first few days of a major offensive—the German high command acknowledged in its communique that Soviet troops had opened up somewhere east of the rail junction of Zhitomir with large infantry and tank forces, and Berlin indicated that the Soviet forces were pushing the Germans back.

The Berlin command reported "heavy and fluctuating fighting" raging in this area, using in "fluctuating" a word frequently employed before to cover news that the German lines had been broken.

The Germans said that 58 Russian tanks were shot up in this one sector in one day alone, suggesting that a great tank battle once more was under way in this key region which threatens the Axis lines in Rumania to the southwest as well as in the nearby regions of pre-war Poland.

The Russians meanwhile maintained their offensive to the north against the big Nazi bastion of Vitebsk south of Nevel and in the Zhlobin area above Gomel.

The big battle west of Kiev, aimed at the very heart of the Nazi armies in Russia and threatening to flank the hundreds of thousands of German troops to the south in the Dnieper bend, may prove to be the strate-

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ARMY SERGEANT IS GIVEN FIVE YEARS

FORT JACKSON, S. C., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Colonel James S. Rodwell, chief of staff of the Fourth infantry division, said today that Sergeant Earnest M. Taylor of Spring Hill, La., was sentenced to five years at hard labor by a general court-martial in connection with the death December 4 of a Saluda jail "guest."

Rodwell said the court acquitted Staff Sergeant John C. Kulick, 1934 West Augusta boulevard, Chicago, who had been arrested with Taylor after Robert L. Turner, 72, was found dead in the jail cell, his face and head badly bruised.

Taylor's manslaughter conviction also carried a dishonorable discharge from the army. The sentence is subject to review by General Raymond O. Barton, commander of the Fourth infantry division, and by the war department, Rodwell said. He added that he did not know where Taylor would be sent to serve the sentence.

Saluda County Sheriff E. Gary Davis said the soldiers had been arrested on charges of drinking and disorderly conduct and had been placed in the cell where Turner was sleeping overnight.

ITALIAN KIDDIES SHARE IN CANDY

American Officers And Men Share 'Caramellas With Children

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE ITALIAN FRONT, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Even the mud and rain and the cold, and even the Germans just a few yards away couldn't keep the doughboys from remembering last night that it was Christmas eve, although they had to celebrate it with a box of K rations.

Full turkey dinners like the ones they ate on the front lines at Thanksgiving couldn't reach them last night because the action was heavy.

But through this dispatch the fighting men of company E wished everybody back home in Texas a merry Christmas as they tore open their K rations—tinned meat, biscuits, candy, coffee extract, sugar and cigarettes.

They stood in the slush of their fighting holes, the rain splashing down in their faces. Their rifles lay on a mud parapet in front of which a lot of their buddies have fallen in the battle for the village of San Pietro.

Their faces lighted in broad grins at the chance to send a word home, and these fighting little border town Mexican boys of company E said "Tell them we wish them a merry Christmas."

The boys from El Paso, where the company was formed, included Sergeant Louis Medina who said, "Merry Christmas to my girl, Andy."

A supply carrier, softly humming "Silent Night," had crept through the brush with a box of K rations. He had dropped them off nearby and gone on into the olive grove, still humming softly.

"K rations will be their Christmas dinner," Major Milton J. Landry, of San Antonio, Tex., their battalion leader, had said a short time earlier. "But we'll pull them back out of the line in a day or two to see that everybody gets some Christmas turkey. We fed it to them on the line on Thanksgiving but there is extra activity up there right now and so we are going to alternate pulling them back this time."

The rain dripped off the rock into his fighting hole as he spoke.

Christmas eve to Corporal Mike Mumley, 23, of Wheeling, W. Va., meant Christmas packages from home. He got seven packages yesterday to help make it seem more like old times. Two years ago he spent Christmas in a Georgia training camp. Last year at this time he was near Oran.

"Next year I hope it will be home," he grinned.

To the kids of Mignano, whose homes were almost all destroyed by the Nazi demolition experts as they departed, Christmas eve meant "caramellas" from the doughboys.

"Caramellas" stand for all kinds of candy.

A bunch of the officers and men of a division command post decided to share their Christmas candy from home with the waifs of war. So they loaded it up in jeeps and took it into Mignano.

When Sergeant John G. Doran of Wilmington, Del., started calling out "Caramellas! Caramellas!" the hungry, ragged, dirty kids of Mignano came creeping from caves and cellars and the shambles of what had once been their homes. They flocked around and started grabbing, their faces lighting up in anticipation as the doughboys grinned, too.

Christmas eve to Chaplain Delbert Kuehn, 26, of Hopkins, Minn., and Edwin J. Kozak, of Baltimore, Md., meant plans for special services a short distance behind the lines today.

They decorated a little village church, where both Protestant and Catholic services will be held.

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LOUISIANIAN WOUNDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The war department announced today the names of 247 United States soldiers wounded in action. Among them, in the Mediterranean area, was Private Telesphore J. Bourgoyne, Jr., Telesphore J. Bourgoyne, Sr., father, route 1, box 119, Plaquemine.

CIVILIAN GOODS OUTLOOK BETTER

Many 'Gripe List' Articles May Be Manufactured In Coming Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Aimed at silencing one of the loudest squawks from the home front, a program for expanded 1944 production of simple and easy-to-make civilian goods is about ready to be launched by the office of civilian requirements.

The plan for action developed after a study disclosed that, while civilians accept the scarcity of refrigerators, washing machines and other major conveniences, they're really griping about shortages of the "little things in life," like bobbie pins, pots and pans, elastic tape and textile products.

In a majority of instances, the OCR has found that the simple items on the "gripe list" could be manufactured without upsetting any manpower or raw materials schedules. Only a few conflicted with war-vital production, and OCR is making no recommendation for expanded production of these items.

In the order of importance, the goods civilians want most are elastic tape, satisfactory hosiery, washtubs, shoes, bobbie pins, sheets, infants' underwear, pails and buckets, children's clothing, steel wool pot scourers, dress fabrics, alarm clocks, children's shoes, pins, needles and safety pins, electric irons, boys' overalls, washing machines, flashlight batteries, knives and forks, clothespins, small pots and pans, elastic girdles and electric iron cords.

Prospects for adequate production of all textile products are "fair to good." The recent directive of Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, which permits a complete revision of price structures to stimulate production, will be tried first on textiles.

War production board textile officials are only lukewarm about the Vinson order, as changes in price structures for any item must be approved by him before it is effective, and WPB textile executives think this procedure will take too much time to get prompt results.

The OCR is recommending sharp increases in the production of textile products. Informed sources say that the expanded production will be noticeable by the second quarter of 1944.

Consumers should have plenty of elastic tape, girdles and bobbie pins in 1944. Orders already approved have doubled production of bobbie pins. Adequate supplies of synthetic rubbar for tape and girdles have been allocated, and these items will be back in circulation soon after the first of the year under present plans.

The outlook for women's hosiery isn't so good. They'll be warm and plentiful, of lisle and rayon, but the sleek nylons of pre-war days haven't a chance. War needs all the nylon we produce.

The OCR will recommend doubled 1944 production of washtubs, and comparable increases in pails, buckets, pots and plans. Steel prospects are improving.

Expansion of alarm clock and washing machine output is highly unlikely, the OCR survey indicates.

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SHREVEPORT GETS FROZEN CHRISTMAS

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Shreveporters who wished for a white Christmas didn't get exactly what they wanted, but they did get a glistening one. The population awoke today to a world sheathed in ice as a drizzle combined with freezing weather to provide an unusual natural decoration for the holiday of holidays.

Christmas candles, intended for purely decorative aims served utility purposes as a portion of the city was thrown into darkness because of impaired power lines.

Ice laden limbs fell upon power lines, putting some out of commission. Telephone lines in many areas were also disrupted.

There was also brief interruption of trolley service on occasions until ice cutters were placed on street cars.

LIEUTENANT FINDS RIBBONS GALORE IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Mrs. C. C. Carroll of Monroe has received a letter from her son, Lieutenant Charles N. Payne, U. S. N., who is serving in the southwest Pacific.

The lieutenant finds that there is a superfluity of "Ribbons" in the south Pacific. He writes in part:

"I've just been thinking about medals and decorations. You know the U. S. is getting worse than the Mexican army. Everyone gets a minimum of three ribbons—practically everybody. The most distinguished are those who have none at all. The slogan should be 'All those interested in earning at least three decorations, join the U. S armed services NOW. After December 1, (the letter was written in November) you will only to able to qualify for two—except in special cases.'

"It's the same as it would be if every dog wore a collar—an identical collar. What dog would be proud of his collar? The proudest dog would be the one who wore no collar at all.

"You should have seen the mad scramble to obtain ribbons when we were in Sidney. Why every officer on ship wore at least three. I was a less fortunate one who failed to have any ribbon as decoration. I was almost ashamed to leave ship in a uniform undecorated.

"As I walked the streets I was accosted by a citizen, who upbraided me. 'Whatcha mean by putting the poor kid's dog in the pound?' he roared at me.

"It was then that I realized that I had been mistaken for dog catcher. Realizing this humiliation I fled into a nearby tailor shop and ordered a regulation issue of ribbons. When I emerged I had three and one-half rows of assorted ribbons. And then I made it O. K. except from an odd glance of some WACs who each possessed four rows of ribbons.

"As I await return to the states on the ground of mental fatigue I learn to my horror that a directive has been issued by the superintendent of St. Elizabeth's mental hospital—where I am bound—that every inmate earns a campaign ribbon for each three months sojourn. Woe is me."

SANTA'S LEGALITY UPHELD BY JUDGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—It's all right—Santa Claus is legal. Superior Judge John A. Sbarbaro says so.

The judge gave his ruling yesterday—amid sundry mutterings—when Mrs. Caroline Laba appeared in court on a great errand "which must be completed at once unless Robert Laba, 4, and Bonnie Lee Laba, 2, lose a great faith."

Mrs. Laba charged that her husband, Adam, 31, had taken all the children's gifts and concealed them because one of Mrs. Laba's relatives was going to play Santa. Judge Sbarbaro was told Adam had threatened to tear the whiskers from Santa's face, thereby revealing him as a fraud, and destroying the children's faith.

The judge, gripping his chair and muttering under his breath, said the children were wards of the court, and announced it was the duty of his court to protect them in their beliefs and to wish them a Merry Christmas—and to see they got one.

So he signed the following order: "It is hereby ordered that defendant turn over to plaintiff instanter all toys, clothes of children, including rings.

"It is further ordered that the defendant be present at the home of plaintiff, but * * * it is also ordered that the defendant be restrained and enjoined from interfering with the visit of Santa Claus at plaintiff's home * * * and said defendant is further restrained from informing the two minor children of the parties hereto that the Santa Claus so appearing is not the real Santa Claus."

Then Judge Sbarbaro wished everyone a merry Christmas.

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JEAN BARTEL SELLS $2,500,000 BONDS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Jean Bartel, the freckle-faced Miss America of 1943, has returned home with a new title: "The Girl with the $2,500,000 Personality."

She arrived yesterday from a tour of 40 cities with a record of having sold $2,500,000 worth of war bonds and told newsmen her success secret: Americans today are looking for more than sheer glamor.

They have outgrown the "bubblebath" and "cheesecake" era, she said, and they don't insist that Miss America strip down to a bathing suit and submit to a tape measure every time she appears in public.

"I use a bathing suit to go swimming in," Miss Bartel declared. "I found that mayors, governors, hospitals, canteens, factories, and military bases wanted to see a typical American girl. They wanted to talk with her and then buy bonds."

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Cutting in half the number of different types of radio tubes is expected to release 158,000 man-hours of labor.

POST-WAR SLASH IN TAXES URGED

Knutson Says G. O. P. Will Advocate Cut If They Control Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Representative Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, minority leader of the house ways and means committee, said today Republicans would advocate reduced taxes "all along the line"—for both corporations and individuals—as a post-war goal, if they win control of congress next year.

In an end-of-the-year interview, he declared also that congress must pass regulatory legislation to "stagger" repayment of war bonds when victory comes to insure their orderly liquidation and to prevent "economic chaos and uncontrolled inflation."

The Minnesota member of the revenue-raising committee frankly acknowledged that the Republican hopes of slicing down current tax assessments depended upon victory in Europe and resultant reduced military expenditures.

Peacetime production," he said, "could not stand up under the present tax load. Taxes now are as high as the traffic will bear. On a per capita basis, the people of this country are paying more than those anywhere else in the world.

"We did not attain our present position in the world, we did not develop the present economic system an
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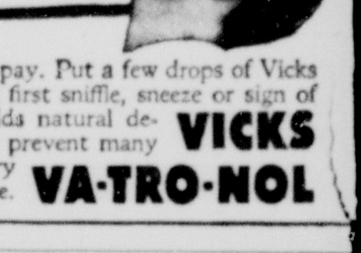

A cold may mean lost days—lost pay. Put a few drops of Vicks Va-tro-nol up each nostril—at first sniffle, sneeze or sign of a cold. This simple precaution aids natural defenses against colds, and so helps prevent many colds developing—if used in time. Try it! Follow directions in the package.

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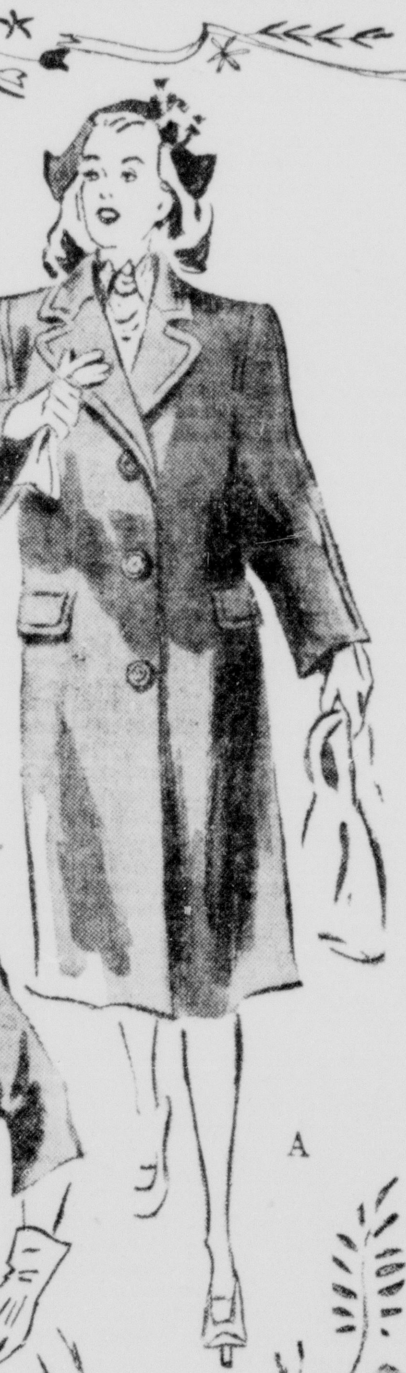
choose the gaily flattering styles we
offer! You'll be amazed at what a charming
new blouse, jumper or sweater will do
to enliven "spring" in your heart! Favor
ruffles or sleek lines? They're all here!



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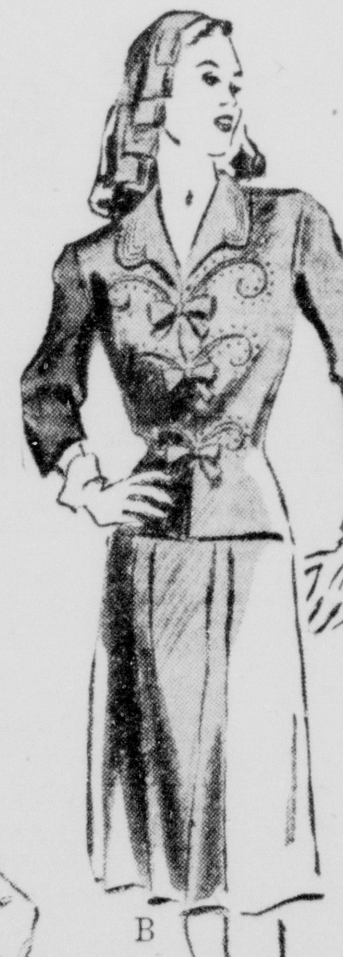

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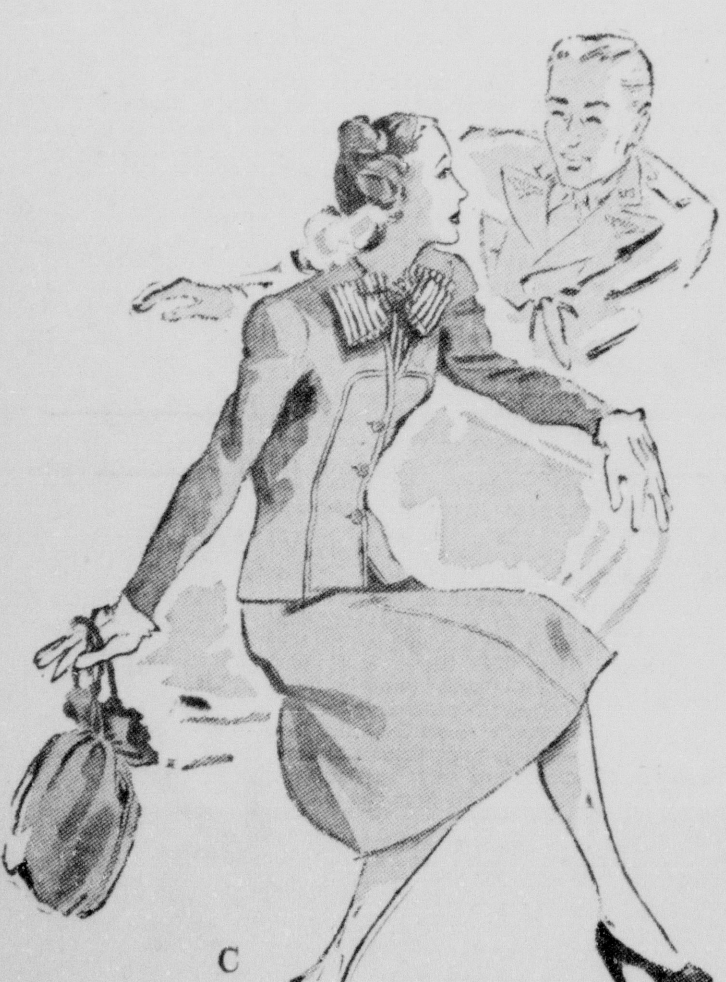

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70	$5.98	Women's Dresses	$4.89
40	$7.98	Women's Dresses	$5.29
24	$1.98	Women's Blouses (White)	$1.49
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6	$9.98	Ladies' Robes	$7.89
13	$3.98	Ladies' Cotton Dresses	$3.29
35 pr.	$4.49	Ladies' Black Suede Shoes	$2.97
37 pr.	$3.49	Ladies' Black Suede Shoes	$1.97
12 pr.	$4.49	Ladies' Black Gabardine Shoes	$3.47
38	$1.00	Ladies' Garter Belts	$ .88
39	$2.98	Panty Girdles	$1.47
*300	35c	Men's Speed Shorts	27c
11	$1.35	Knitting Needle Sets	57c
9	$3.25	Ladies' Knitting Bags	$1.37
91	69c	Glove Boxes	37c
30	15c	Dress Shields	7c
100	30c	Plastic Dress Fasteners	17c
15	$3.59	Tire Re-liners	$2.97
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PRISON LIFE TOLD IN LETTER

ission Worker Sends Communication To Sister In Monroe

Mrs. R. M. Troy, Loop road, has received an interesting letter from her brother, Clifford E. B. Nobes, who is a missionary now interned in Camp Holmes at Baguio, Philippine islands. He wrote in part:

"To tell conditions after 20 months of silence is not easy, but I'll try. At the outset of the war, we decided to stay in Bontoc and were there when the Japanese came. We became friendly with some of the soldiers who constantly called on us in search of canned goods. We sold our mission rice and gave most canned stuff to the army. The soldiers left after a few weeks, and after three months some others came in. All the members of the Besao and Sagada missions were called to Bontoc, and we were all interned on our compound. We were there for three weeks and then we were all transferred to our present location. So we have been here for more than a year. All are in good health. The Japanese supply an adequate diet and since we are allowed to receive packages from outside, and money, which is sent monthly by the bishop, we are able to buy eggs, fruit, bacon, sugar, meat and other articles.

"This camp was formerly the home of a company of Philippines constabulary, so buildings are sturdy. There are 500 of us here, miners and missionaries. We are allowed to run our own affairs, and internees do all the camp work. We have a well-staffed hospital, kindergarten, grade school and high school and numerous adult study groups. I have spent a year in a Japanese language class. For eight months I was a dishwasher and woodchopper but am now on the detail that keeps the grounds in good condition.

"All men live in one barracks; mothers and young children in another; single women in a third. Native priests and catechists are carrying on mission work and we are allowed to have church services. Some people have received letters from home via Geneva Red Cross. Love from all of us to you all."

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SERGT. JOE KERN GIVEN FURLOUGH

Sergeant Joe Kern, who is stationed in armed service at San Luis Obispo, Calif., is back for a short furlough spent with his mother, Mrs. Joe Kern, Sr., 1104 North Third street, Monroe and his brother, Nathan Kern and family.

He states he enjoys California climate aside from the excessive rainfall.

He has in the past served as vice-president of Monroe Little Theatre, and he was quite delighted to be able to be in Monroe when the play "The Man Who Came to Dinner" was presented.

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America cut its pre-war traffic toll almost in half the first six months of 1943.

BETTY GRABLE IS TOP ATTRACTION

Bob Hope Next At Boxoffice; Only Two Women In First Ten

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 25.—(AP)—It took Betty Grable's legs to do it, but the stranglehold the male stars had held over the American theater box office for four years has been broken. This may mean little to the people who go to the movies, but it means plenty to the guys who exhibit 'em.

Miss Grable, who boasts blonde hair and other noteworthy adjuncts, including the symmetrical limbs, was acclaimed by the Motion Picture Herald today as the top box office attraction of the year, after a poll of 16,500 theater operators.

Bob Hope, one of the busiest of all film players, was rated second, and others in the top 10 follow in order: Abbott and Costello, Bing Crosby, Gary Cooper, Greer Garson (only other feminine player to land in the select group), Humphrey Bogart, James Cagney, Mickey Rooney and Clark Gable.

Miss Grable, now temporarily retired from the screen to await motherhood as Mrs. Harry James, danced her way to her honors. During the season she made "Footlight Serenade," "Springtime in the Rockies," and "Coney Island," and played holdover engagements of "Sweet Rosie O'Grady." She rated eighth last year.

Abbott and Costello dropped from first place last year to third spot in 1943. The three years previous the effervescent Mickey Rooney had topped the honor list.

Clark Gable, who over the years has been consistently one of the biggest attractions in the business, maintained his place in the first 10 despite the fact he didn't make a picture all year. Revivals of earlier films were responsible; the name of Gable is still capable of drawing 'em in through the gate whether the picture is old or new.

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W. B. MASK, SR., HAS FALL ON ICY WALK

W. B. Mask, Sr., employed at the Louisiana Training institute fell and fractured a rib early Friday morning. He had just left the mess hall and had only gone a few paces when he slipped on the icy walk and fell heavily on his left side.

He was removed to Charity hospital where he is now a patient.

The Haunted Man

OR THE GHOST'S BARGAIN

By Charles Dickens

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CHAPTER XVII

"I never was so moved," said Milly, drying her eyes, "as I have been this morning. I must tell you, as soon as I can speak.—Mr. Redlaw came to me at sunrise, and implored me to go with him to where William's brother George is lying ill. We went together, and all the way along he was so kind, and so subdued, and seemed to put such trust and hope in me! When we got to the house we met a woman at the door (somebody had bruised and hurt her, I am afraid), who caught me by the hand, and blessed me as I passed."

"She was right," said Mr. Tetterby.

"Ah, but there's more than that," said Milly. "When we got upstairs, into the room, the sick man, who had lain for hours in a state from which no effort could arouse him, rose up in his bed, and, bursting into tears, stretched out his arms to me, and said, that he had led a misspent life, but that he was truly repentant now. He entreated me to ask his poor old father for his pardon and his blessing, and to say a prayer beside his bed. And when I did so, Mr. Redlaw joined in it so fervently, and then so thanked and thanked me, and thanked Heaven, that my heart quite overflowed."

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While she was speaking, Redlaw had come in, and, after pausing for a moment to observe the group of which she was the center, had silently ascended the stairs. Upon those stairs he now appeared again; remaining there, while the young student passed him, and came running down.

"Kind nurse, gentlest, best of creatures," he said, falling on his knees to her, and catching at her hand, "forgive my cruel ingratitude!"

"Oh, dear, oh, dear!" cried Milly innocently.

"I was not myself," he said. "I don't know what it was—it was some consequence of my disorder perhaps—I was mad. But I am so no longer. Almost as I speak I am restored. I heard the children crying out your name, and the shade passed from me at the very sound of it. Oh, don't weep, dear Milly. It is such deep reproach."

"No, no," said Milly, "it's not that. It's not indeed. It's joy. It's wonder that you should think it necessary to ask me to forgive so little, and yet it's pleasure that you do."

She beckoned him aside, and whispered in his ear.

"There is news from your home, Mr. Edmund."

"News? How?"

"Either your not writing when you were very ill, or the change in your handwriting when you began to be better, created some suspicion of the truth; however, that is—but you're sure you'll not be the worse for any news, if it's not bad news?"

"Sure."

"Then there's some one come!" said Milly.

"My mother?" asked the student, glancing round involuntarily toward Redlaw, who had come down from the stairs.

"Hush! No," said Milly.

"It can be no one else."

"Indeed?" said Milly, "are you sure?"

"It is not—" Before he could say more, she put her hand upon his mouth.

"Yes, it is!" said Milly. "The young lady (she is very like the miniature, Mr. Edmund, but she is prettier) was too unhappy to rest without satisfying her doubts and came up, last night, with a little servant maid. As you always dated your letters from the college she came there; and before I saw Mr. Redlaw this morning I saw her."

"This morning! Where is she now?"

"Why, she is now," said Milly, advancing her lips to his ear, "in my little parlor in the Lodge, and waiting to see you."

He pressed her hand, and was darting off, but she detained him.

"Mr. Redlaw is much altered, and has told me this morning that his memory is impaired. Be very considerate to him, Mr. Edmund; he needs that from us all."

The young man assured her, by a look, that her caution was not ill bestowed; and, as he passed the Chemist on his way out, bent respectfully and with an obvious interest before him.

Redlaw returned the salutation courteously and even humbly, and looked after him as he passed on. He drooped his head upon his hand, too, as if trying to reawaken something he had lost. But it was gone.

The abiding change that had come upon him since the Phantom's reappearance, was, that now he truly felt how much he had lost.

He was conscious that, as he redeemed, through Milly, more and more of the evil he had done, this change ripened within him. Therefore, he felt that he was quite dependent upon her, and that she was his staff in his affliction.

So, when she asked him whether they should go home now to where the old man and her husband were, and he readily replied "yes"—being anxious in that regard—he put his arm through hers, and walked beside her; not as if he were the wise and learned man to whom the wonders of nature were an open book, and hers were the uninstructed mind, but as if their two positions were reversed, and he knew nothing, and she all.

(To Be Continued)

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SCHOOL STAGES ITS OWN PLAY

Central Grammar Pupils Write Production; Also Are Directors

The 6-A grade at Central Grammar school, Mrs. A. N. Robinson, teacher, presented a play written by Mary Poulos and George Cole, called "A Wartime Christmas." It was written to show how fortunate we are as the only country where children can still have such good times as are common in the United States. The play was not only written by two pupils but also was directed by the children themselves. This task was shared by Mary Poulos and George Cole as co-directors.

The cast of characters was: Elizabeth, Marie Keene; Bob, John Tarpley; Jane, Freddie Davis; Rita, Patsy Whaley; Rose, Mildred Newman; Sally, Mary Poulos; Ella, Patsy Ates; Jimmie, George Cole; mother, Bette Louise King; Nancy, Mary Louise Bunge; Helen, Betty Joy Wainwright; Ann, Sylvia Hackett.

Presentation of the play was given at the school Thursday immediately before the close of the sessions for the holidays. At the same time, "Silent Night," that classic of all time, was presented. It was sung in French by pupils of Miss Patsy Slack's room and also in Spanish by the pupils of Mrs. Courtney's room and Miss Eleona Brinsmade's room, demonstrating the universal appeal of this great Christmas song.

The program ended with the rendition of "O Come All Ye Faithful."

GRAND MASTER WILL INSTALL

Two Masonic Lodges To Have Impressive Exercises Monday

Monroe's two Masonic lodges, Western Star No. 24, and Graham Surghnor No. 383, will meet in their annual St. John's day festival communication at seven o'clock, Monday night, December 27th, for installation of officers.

Benjamin Y. Wolf, of New Orleans, grand master of Masons of Louisiana, will be the installing officer. He will be accompanied to Monroe by Lieutenant D. A. Strickland, past grand master, and will be assisted in the installation ceremony by Robert W. Cretney, grand marshal.

The meeting will start at seven o'clock with a banquet to be served in the social rooms of the Masonic temple. Arrangements for the banquet are in the hands of a committee of which H. B. Cannon is chairman.

At the conclusion of the banquet the ceremony of installation will take place in the blue room. John E. Coon will be installed as master of Western Star succeeding E. R. Baham. John R. Humble will be installed as master of Graham Surghnor succeeding Oliver J. Smith.

The Masons of this vicinity consider that they are signally honored in having the grand master come to Monroe for the installation of officers. This will be the most important Masonic communication held in Monroe this year. A cordial invitation is extended to all master Masons to be present and take part in the meeting.

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DUMAS REPORTS HIS AUTOMOBILE STOLEN

Clyde Dumas, who lives at 8 Natchitoches street in West Monroe, reported to police early Saturday morning the theft of his 1939 Ford sedan from Monroe some time Friday night, according to information from the office of B. L. Brantley, chief of police.

The gray car has 1942 Louisiana license 207-573. Its motor number is listed as 18-4775599, in police reports. Keys were left in the car, Dumas said.

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Thinking Of 2065?

The man who for twenty-one years enjoyed the title of Uncle Sam's oldest pensioner, has departed this life.

Mark Thrash would have been 123 years old on Christmas day. When he was born, a slave, in Virginia in 1820, President Monroe was in the White House, Napoleon was at Saint Helena and Abraham Lincoln was in knee pants. The record of Thrash's birth—obviously supplied in later years—was on file in the office of the department of the interior.

Old Mark often told of having been sent in his youth by his master, Colonel Christopher Thrash, to Georgia, along with other slaves, to clear up a 500-acre tract of land. When the Civil war began, Mark fought on the Confederate side and was captured but escaped and returned home.

After the war, he traveled in Arkansas and Tennessee and on June 3, 1894, he entered the government service at Chickamauga National park, then under the war department. He remained employed there until July 31, 1922. Since his retirement, he has lived in a cabin built for him in the national park at Chattanooga by the National park service.

It is often said that people live longer today than formerly because of the increase in knowledge regarding proper diet, medicine and health. Apparently Thrash got along all right for many years without all that modern science.

If future employes of the federal government who were born this very year are as fortunate in attaining longevity as was Mark Thrash, the list of federal pensioners, made up of them alone, should be long enough in 2065 to reach many times around the Pentagon building.

THE RELIEF TASK

Perhaps the greatest task faced by post-war planners is the rehabilitation of more than 40,000,000 homeless people in wartorn countries, a task which will increase in magnitude day by day until peace comes. These people are not only homeless but hungry, many sick in mind and body.

Thousands are wandering aimlessly about the invaded countries, and still other thousands are in axis prison camps or in forced labor. All will be in need of help from the United Nations relief administration.

The world has never faced any problem in human woe comparable to this. Caring for one of these unfortunates will be one of the terrible and dreadful aftermaths of the war. And the United States will play a major role in doing the job.

Legislation is now pending in congress to authorize the president to expend for United States participation in the United Nations relief program such sums as may be appropriated by that body from time to time for that purpose. The relief administration had recommended that each member government whose territory had not been occupied by the enemy should contribute a sum approximately equivalent to 1 per cent of its national income for the year ended last June 30.

It is estimated that this would place the contribution of the United States at approximately $1,350,000,000. While this appears to be a staggering sum, roughly $9 from each person in the United States, those who are concerned over the needs of the program say that future world history may depend upon what support this nation, through congress, gives to the rehabilitation of these unfortunate millions. In the past, efforts by this nation to buy good will with charity have failed.

BREAD

Hunger continues to menace many of the war-torn countries of Europe. In that part of Italy now in allied possession, according to press reports, long bread lines form in front of bakeries before daylight. Ragged, shivering housewives stand for long hours with ration cards in hand, hopeful of buying at least one loaf of bread for their hungry children. But the odds are against them.

By the time her turn comes she will probably be told the supply is exhausted, the attendant saying "finito," but usually giving her a knowing wink. She understands this to mean that if she will go to the alley behind the bakery she will be permitted to buy bread at as much as twenty times the legal price.

Naturally, the citizens do not like this arrangement, but none will file a complaint, fearing that if their bootlegger goes to jail they will be out of bread entirely. Bootleggers overrun the hotels carrying loaves of bread in black bags. Everyone is either a bootlegger or a customer of one, the correspondents say.

Italians are reported to have believed there would be plenty of food for all when the Americans came. But while the situation is improving there is still much hunger in that unfortunate country.

IN THE MARINE TRADITION

Not one of the most publicized, but one of the most distinguished, general officers of this war is Lieutenant General Thomas Holcomb, retiring as commandant of the United States marine corps. General Holcomb reached the regular retirement age on August 5, but President Roosevelt continued him in his post in recognition of his outstanding services.

General Holcomb expanded the marine corps from a nuclear strength of 16,000 to a force of 300,000. Under General Holcomb's leadership newcomers to the marine corps were soon infused with its spirit and tradition. The president has announced his intention of appointing General Holcomb to some new post where his distinguished capabilities will not be lost.

It is in the marine tradition that the new commandant of the corps should be a fighting man—Lieutenant General Alexander Vandegrift, who comes to command via Guadalcanal and Bougainville. The shift in the top command comes at a moment of particular poignance and pride for the marine corps, two regiments of whose membership made imperishable sacrifices in the capture of Tarawa.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
E. L. Tanner, Pastor

The Assembly of God joins with all the other churches of the Twin Cities in extending to every one the season's greetings. We pray that God's richest grace and blessings may be upon you and yours during this Christmas season and the coming year.

If you are not attending some other church and Sunday school we invite you to meet with us and enjoy the good spiritual atmosphere you will always feel in our services.

Sunday school will meet at the usual hour 9:35 a.m. S. W. Hamilton superintendent. The pastor will preach at both services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Christ Ambassador class meets at 6:30 p.m. We will have a Watch Night service Friday night and Saturday, January 1st will be a day of fasting and prayer. The church will be open all day and you may come at any time to join in prayer with those who are gathered.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
St. John And Grammont Streets
L. T. Hastings, Pastor
D. C. Black, Director Of Education
E. A. Alexander, Director Of Music

"There Will Always Be Christmas" will be the pastor's sermon subject at the morning hour. The text will be Goodspeed's Translation of John 1:5—"The Light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has never put it out." The choir will bring a special message in song. On account of so much sickness in the community, let those who are well make a greater effort to come to Sunday school and all the services of the day.

The B. T. U. and Brotherhood will meet at 6:15. The Student Night program will be given by our young people, and it promises to be an unusually good program. Come and lend these fine young people the encouragement of your presence.

To all in our membership and the entire community we extend sincerest wishes for a Happy New Year.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
3400 Lee Avenue
D. D. Cantrell, Pastor
Paul J. Armstrong, Choir Director

The special feature of the program of this day is the honor service for the men in the armed forces who have gone out from our church. Captain Hermon L. Driskel, who is chaplain in the United States army, will be the speaker for this occasion. All parents, wives and loved ones of each person who has gone out from this church is requested to be present and to stand when the name of their loved one is called. This program will begin 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday school as usual 9:45; morning worship 11:00 a.m. and Training union 6:30 and evening honor service 7:30 p.m. All the friends of our community are cordially invited to be present for all these services, especially do we welcome all service men, their families and the new people to our city.

This is a human church with a divine message, come join the great move back to God and church.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
North Fifth And Breard Streets
(In The Heart Of Monroe)
N. T. Smith, Pastor
Dale Cobb, Pastor's Associate

Sunday school meets promptly at 10 a.m.

Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

B. T. U. and Brotherhood, 6:30 p.m.

W. M. U. meets at the church every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30

Prayer meeting and Bible study every Wednesday night, 7 o'clock.

Pastor's theme Sunday morning: "God's Great Pay Day." Pay days in this life are uncertain but the final pay day is coming and God will be the paymaster. Don't fail to hear this message.

The church with a welcome to one and all.

RIDGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
West Monroe

"God Speaks to Heavy Hearts"—this will be the subject of the pastor Sunday morning "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matt. 11:28 is the scripture text.

"One Thing Lacking," Mark 10:21 "One thing thou lackest" will be the subject Sunday evening.

Sunday school 10 a.m. Baptist Training Union and Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Worship hours 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Our church is located out by the Ouachita Valley Fair grounds and we extend a very cordial invitation to all not attending the services of other churches.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Corner St. John And Oak
R. T. Watson, Minister

Church school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 10:50 a.m. "An Apologetic Religion," will be the sermon subject. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p.m. Evening service at 7:30 p.m. "The Lukewarm Church," will be the sermon subject. You are invited to attend all these services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
Cor. Auburn Ave. And North 2nd St.

"Christian Science" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, December 26, 1943.

The golden text is: "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth" (Zech. 4:14).

The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christ's Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God" (p. 271).

Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Sunday service 11 a.m. Wednesday 8 p.m. Reading room 814 Bernhardt building. Open daily 10 to 5, except Sundays and national holidays.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Jackson At Wood Street
A. M. Serex, Ph. D., Minister

"Making Room for God," is the pastor's sermon theme for Sunday morning, the service beginning at 10:45 o'clock. At 6:30 a Christmas pageant and a program by the choir will be given. This service will take the place of the regular evening service. The "White Gift" offering at this service will be dedicated to the retired ministers in the Louisiana conference.

An invitation to worship with this congregation is extended.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
West Monroe, La.
Porter M. Caraway, Minister

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

Morning worship 10:45. Sermon subject: "An Old Portrait of Christ."

Evening worship, 7:30. Installation service for officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Sermon subject: "Christ's Prayer for the Church."

Happy New Year to everyone!

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Sterlington
Howard E. Pfost, Minister

Start the day after Christmas right by going to church Sunday. Sermon and worship at 10:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., with sermons by the pastor.

Also attend church school at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Gilford Wright is general superintendent.

Methodist Youth Fellowship Sunday night at 6:30 o'clock. Helen Brown, president.

The Methodist men will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. This organization is doing a most creditable work in our church.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Tom Wafer as leader.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Grammont At Catalpa
Ernest D. Holloway, Pastor

"Carrying the Christmas Message Into Tomorrow" is the subject of our morning message. The season through which we have passed is one of the happiest known to man. Our friends remember us; our loved ones manifest their affection by gifts. It is truly the joyful time of the year. And yet we we forget the import of the Advent and fail to utilize the meanings in the after months. It is possible for us to try to make every day a Christmas day. How? That is our message.

"A Pattern of Life" is the theme of the evening sermon. One of the ablest of the Biblical writers gives the pattern. His intellect, spirituality, and Christian understanding are detected in his words. We must think with him if we expect to live as he lived, have the influence that he had and has, and be rewarded as he was.

The building fund is increasing weekly. Have you invested in the fund, which is being raised, looking to the day when the educational unit will be opened to the membership for religious instruction? We believe that you will during this month.

A cordial greeting and sincere welcome awaits you.

SALVATION ARMY
Captain And Mrs. Jack Hesketh
Officers In Charge

Company meeting meets at 9:45 with Mrs. Vanderworker in charge. Holiness meeting at 11. Y. P. Legion at 6:15 with Corps Cadet Evelyn Woods in charge. Salvation meeting at 7:30.

Open-air services Saturday and Sunday night at 7.

Young Peoples Fellowship meeting on Monday at 7.

Beginners' band practice on Wednesday at 4.

Band and songster practice at 6:30 Wednesday.

Ladies' Home league meets Thursday afternoon at 8 with Mrs. Jones.

A public meeting will be held on Friday night at 8 and then at 11 we will have our Watch Night service with Captain John Needham, from New Orleans, in charge. The public is invited to attend these services and we know of no better way to usher the New Year in than in God's house.

NEW TOP CHIEF

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tion which confronted Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill and their advisers at the Cairo and Teheran conferences."

"It is no secret that a great Allied source of all arms is being built up for the invasion," added the news agency.

"American troops now arriving are already highly trained. In Britain they are receiving a final polish at special assault schools of amphibious warfare.

"In America it is generally believed that the second front will be launched within 90 days—that is, before the end of March."

Other commentators recalled with relish that Eisenhower once defined his job as "an urgent date in Germany."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The partial disclosure of the high command for invasion brought speculation today over who would direct one of the toughest tasks of the operation—the air bombardment to blast an opening through Hitler's coastal fortification walls.

To date, the name of only one air officer for that operation has been announced.

President Roosevelt, in reporting that General Dwight D. Eisenhower will lead the combined attack upon Europe from the west and south, said Lieutenant General Spaatz "will command the entire American strategic bombing force operating against Germany."

That was understood here to mean that Spaatz, who was in on the organization of the United States Eighth air force in England and then went to the North African theater, will direct all operations against Nazi industry and transport by American bombardment planes launched from England and any point in Europe and Africa except Russia.

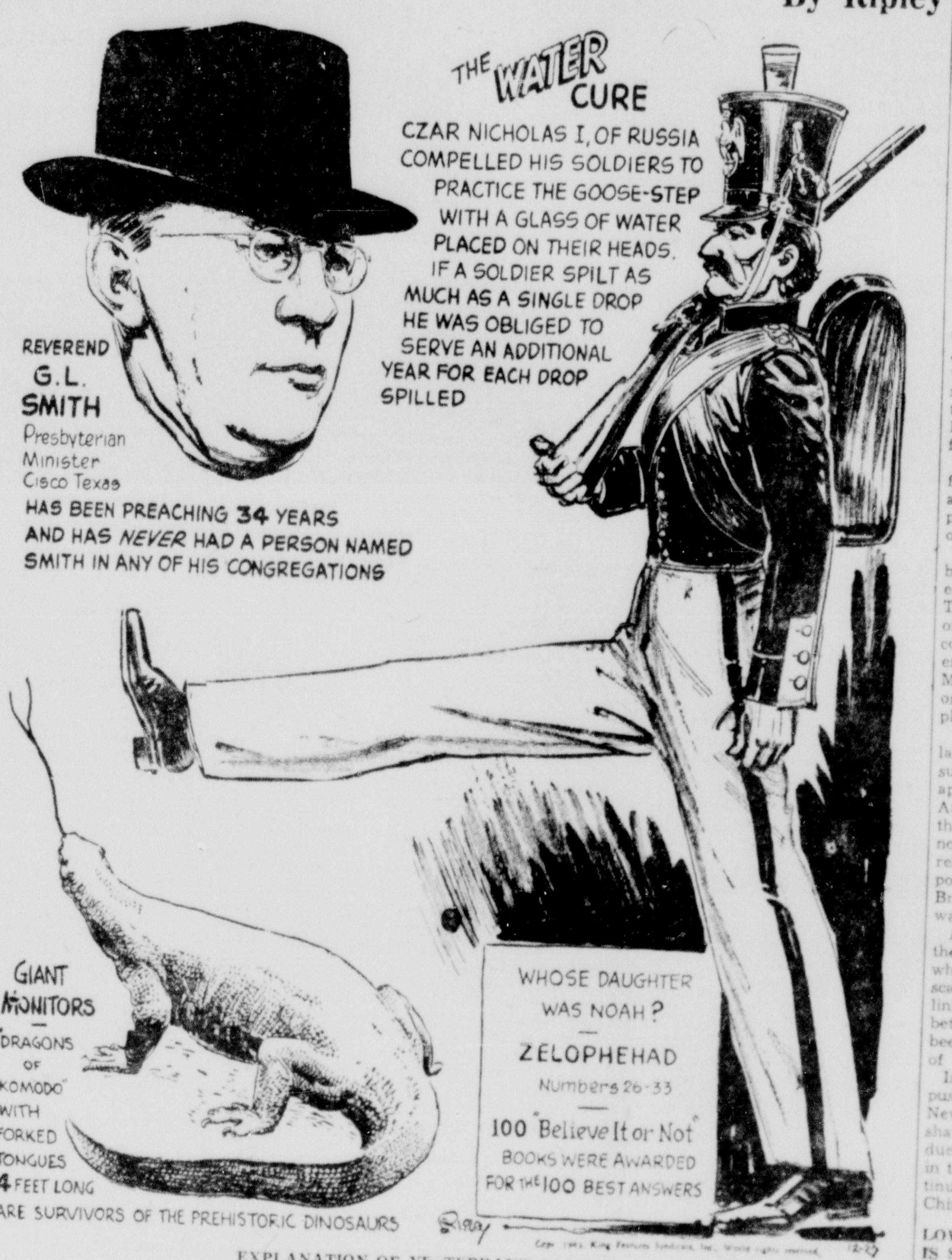
But the names of the overall commander of the tactical bombing force and of his American and British subordinate officers still are secret, if indeed decisions on these assignments have been made.

Both British and American officers are mentioned, including the names of Sir Charles Portal, air chief marshal of Great Britain, Spaatz and General H. H. Arnold, United States air forces chief.

In both the R. A. F. and U. S. A. A. F. there exists a vast reservoir of experience in strategic bombing, gained in hundreds of missions over Germany and Axis-dominated targets. But because the offensive phase of the European war, from the Allied standpoint, is barely more than a year old, the Anglo-American allies have less experience in the tactical use of aviation as bombardment and cover for advancing ground forces.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Ripley


THE WATER CURE
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REVEREND G.L. SMITH Presbyterian Minister Cisco Texas HAS BEEN PREACHING 34 YEARS AND HAS NEVER HAD A PERSON NAMED SMITH IN ANY OF HIS CONGREGATIONS
GIANT MONITORS — "DRAGONS OF KOMODO" WITH FORKED TONGUES 4 FEET LONG ARE SURVIVORS OF THE PREHISTORIC DINOSAURS
WHOSE DAUGHTER WAS NOAH? — ZELOPHEHAD Numbers 26-33 — 100 "Believe It or Not" BOOKS WERE AWARDED FOR THE 100 BEST ANSWERS
Ripley
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EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

CHRISTMAS FORBIDDEN IN MASSACHUSETTS FOR 22 YEARS—Christmas was prohibited in the Massachusetts colony by enactment of the general court of the colony in 1659 and the ruling continued in force until its revocation in 1681. The ban on celebrating the holiday was the result of Oliver Cromwell's action in making Christmas illegal in England (1644-62). He issued his edict against Christmas on the ground that it was of pagan origin, hence unsuitable for Christian observance.

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REDS CLOSE IN

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gic key to the entire eastern front developments this winter.

The Germans, fully aware of these implications, were believed to have put everything they had in their counter-offensive, begun November 17 after the Red army had captured Kiev and pushed westward to a highwater mark which enveloped the rail junctions of Zhitomir and Korosten.

Both Zhitomir and Korosten were recaptured by the Germans in the next few days as Soviet General Nikolai Vatutin pulled his men back more than 30 miles before the mighty onslaught. Then the Russians dug in, holding their lines a little more than 50 miles from the Ukraine capital of Kiev which the Germans had hoped to win back.

A dispatch Friday from Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, told how the Russians finally had turned the tide of battle with their big guns, mobile cannon and tremendous formations of tanks.

Gilmore reported the Russians had gained ground, but it was not until Berlin's announcement Saturday that the great scale of the movement was indicated.

Following the fall of Gorodok, called the key to Vitebsk, the German position on the northern front was almost equally bad. The Russians were gaining despite the bitterest Nazi resistance.

After taking Gorodok, Soviet General Bagramian's soldiers began fanning out east and west, developing a concentrated encircling movement towards Vitebsk. Troops of his right wing moved swiftly toward the Vitebsk-Polotsk railway and highway and in some places the Red army cavalry was within raiding distance of the railway.

There were many signs that the Germans had become frightened in the Vitebsk sector and that they were making feverish efforts to fortify the city for the expected attack.

A dispatch from Gorodok to the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia in Moscow said that numerous prisoners were taken by the Russians after the breakthrough in this outer defense of Vitebsk. There were also stories of frequent German suicides in the deep snow of White Russia, but the majority of Germans, it was said, were surrendering to any Russians they could find.

A front dispatch to the Communist organ Pravda said that the Germans were rushing everything from long armored trains to fresh forces of air power to the Vitebsk area, and armored trains were reported taking part in the battle Saturday.

Radio Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Eastern War Time P.M.—Subtract One Hour for CWT., 2 Hrs. for MWT.

(Changes in programs as listed due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.)

12:30—The Paul Lavalle Concert—nbc
Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade—blu
Trans-Atlantic Call, Exchange—cbs
Here's Mexico, 30-min. Variety—mbs
1:00—Voice of the Dairy Farmer—nbc
John B. Kennedy in Comment—blu
The Church of the Air Sermons—cbs
Stanley Dixon in Commentary—mbs
1:15—Labor for Victory Series — nbc
Wake Up America Discussion—blu
Singing Canaries—nine mbs stations
1:30—U. of Chicago Roundtable—nbc
Ed Murrow's News Comments—cbs
The Lutheran Half Hour—mbs-basic
1:45—Curt Massey and Company—cbs
2:00—Those We Love, Dramatic—nbc
Chaplain Jim, U. S. A., Dramas—blu
Ceiling Unlimited, Variety Prog.—cbs
Pilgrim Radio Hour's Services—mbs
2:30—John Chas. Thomas Prog.—nbc
National Vespers, Dr. Fosdick — blu
News of the World; Song Spot—cbs
3:00—Washington and Rationing—nbc
Moylan Sisters in Song—blu-basic
Three Romeos, Vocal Trio—blu-west
N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony—cbs
This Is Fort Dix, Soldiers — mbs
3:15—Upton Close's Commentary—nbc
Hanson W. Baldwin in Comment—blu
Variety from This Is Fort Dix—mbs
3:30—Official Hour by the Army—nbc
"Hot Copy," Newspaper Drama—blu
Bulldog Drummond Adventures—mbs
4:00—Al Pearce and Gang—blu-basic
Those Good Old Days — other blu
Comment About the War—mbs-east
Lutheran Half Hr. repeat—other mbs
4:15—Dancing Music Orch.—mbs-east
4:30—Carols of Christmas; News—nbc
Metropolitan Opera Auditioning—blu
Andre Kostelanetz & Orchestra—cbs
Abe Lincoln's Story, Dramatic—mbs
5:00—NBC Symph., L. Stokowski—nbc
Comment & Question Half-Hour—blu
Family Time, Gladys Swarthout—cbs
The Fireside Party and Variety—mbs
5:30—Musical Steelmakers Prog.—blu
The Shadow, Mystery Drama — mbs
5:45—Irene Rich in "Dear John"—cbs
6:00—Catholic Services via Radio—nbc
The Radio Hall of Fame Hour—blu
CBS Sunday Theater, Dramas—cbs
First Nighter's Drama Series—mbs
6:30—Great Gildersleeve, Comedy—nbc
America in the Air, Dramatic—cbs
Upton Close Second Comment—mbs
6:45—The Little Show Dramas—mbs
7:00—Jack Benny-Mary Comedy—nbc
Drew Pearson in War Comment—blu
Wm. L. Shirer and Commentary—cbs
Old Fashioned Revival Service—mbs
7:15—To Be Announced (15 m.)—blu
Frank Sinatra with His Songs—cbs
7:30—The Bandwagon Orchestra—nbc
Quiz Kids and Joe Kelly M. C.—blu
We the People & Guests—cbs-basic
8:00—Charlie McCarthy & Bergen—nbc
News Broadcasting Time, Daily—blu
The Jerry Lester Variety Show—cbs
Alexander and Mediation Board—mbs
8:15—To Be Announced (15 m.)—blu
8:30—One Man's Family, Drama—nbc
Keepsakes Music Memory Show—blu
Crime Doctor, Dramatic Series—cbs
8:45—Gabriel Heatter — via mbs-basic
8:55—Five Minutes News Period—cbs
9:00—Sunday's Merry Go Round—nbc
Walter Winchell Weekly Report—blu
Conrad Nagel Magazine Drama—cbs
Cleveland Symphony Orchestra—mbs
9:15—Basin Street and Its Music—blu
9:30—Album of Familiar Music—nbc
The Fred Allen Show, Variety — cbs
9:45—Jimmy Fidler & Hollywood—blu
10:00—Phil Spitalny & Girl Orch.—nbc
Gertrude Lawrence in a Revue—blu
Phil Baker Take It or Leave It—cbs
Cedric Foster's War Comment—mbs
10:15—Good Will Prog., 45 min.—mbs
10:30—Bob Crosby and Company—nbc
Adventures of Thin Man Drama—cbs
Freddie Martin and Orchestra—blu
11:00—Late Variety with News — nbc
News, Variety, Dance 2 h.—cbs-blu
Dance Orchestra Variety (3 h.)—mbs

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control of the sea supply lines for Eisenhower's forces.

That has in turn tended to permit heavier American naval concentrations in the Pacific, and earlier British fleet mobilizations in the Indian ocean theater than could have been foreseen at Quebec. Japan already had paid a heavy price in the Gilberts and Solomons, on New Guinea and New Britain. Definite evidence of Nipponese weakness in the air and reluctance to come to any crucial sea action has been revealed.

It may be because of the revision in timing of grand strategy and particularly to facilitate the coordination and execution of Russian and Allied joint military plans laid at Teheran, that Eisenhower instead of Marshall was named to the Anglo-American supreme command in Europe.

There is every indication that Marshall's strong personality, his comprehensive grasp of the war situation on all fronts, his capacity for lucid analysis and convincing statement has strongly impressed Marshal Stalin and General Chiang Kai-Shek, as it previously impressed Prime Minister Churchill and Britain's top-flight commanders.

The fundamental change in the war picture as developed in Russian-Allied councils at Teheran suggested distinct possibilities of speeding up the war in Europe to an earlier decision than previously hoped for. There also seems to have come out of the Teheran and Cairo meetings unrevealed matters which, supported by events in the Atlantic and the rising tide of American war industry output, warrant earlier and more aggressive action against Japan.

Taken together, these developments tended to bar Marshall's shift to the over-all Allied field command in Europe. He is needed still in Washington both to press to a conclusion the preparations on this side of the Atlantic for the coming campaigns in Europe and the stepping-up of the Pacific advance on Japan.

That is about the way the Eisenhower assignment is explained by White House intimates, although there may be further plans involving Marshall's role in the offing.

SEVERAL HURT

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highway 80, when the pedestrian was walking out on the bridge. Stark stated he did not see the man until he stepped out into the street, and that he picked him up and took him to Vaughan-Wright-Bendel clinic where Poag is under treatment for concussion of the brain, a broken leg, and lacerations of the head and body.

A third wreck occurred when a 1941 Ford driven by L. O. McMurry, 203 Sixth street, crashed into the 1939 Ford sedan owned by E. B. Griffin and driven by R. E. Brown, 3808 Lee avenue, in the 2700 block of DeSiard at 10:20 p.m. Friday night. McMurry was booked at police headquarters for drunken driving and for damage to property. Officers did not catch up with McMurry until they reached Eighteenth street and Breard. The Ford car owned by Griffin was damaged in the left fender and the tire on the left wheel was cut almost in two, police reports said.

A fourth wreck occurred at 8 o'clock Friday night when an unidentified negro was run over by a hit-and-run driver at Eighteenth and DeSiard streets. Four witnesses saw the old model black pickup truck disappear going east on DeSiard, and police say that the car has been identified. The negro is under treatment at St. Francis sanitarium.

ROOSEVELTS

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velts was a family affair. Three of the five children were home, but the two oldest boys, James and Elliott, the former a marine officer and the latter an army officer, were unable to join the reunion.

Franklin, Jr., and John, both naval lieutenants, received Christmas leave and were on hand with their wives and children. Present also was Mrs. John Boettiger, the only daughter.

The grandchildren ranged from 16-year-old Eleanor, the daughter of Mrs. Boettiger, down to Anna, the daughter of John, who was a year old ten days ago.

One of the family traditions kept today was the dinner in the evening, replete with turkey, dressing and plum pudding, at which the president presided with the carving knife.

GUARDING AGAINST SNEAK AIR ATTACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Protective measures were taken along the Atlantic coast Christmas eve by military and civilian defense agencies after a report that a sneak air attack by the enemy might be attempted Christmas day, the eastern defense command said tonight.

The defense command announced that "protective measures were taken by military and civilian defense agencies along the Atlantic coast on Christmas eve upon receipt of a report that a sneak air attack might be attempted by the enemy on Christmas day."

The defense command said it could not reveal the source of the report.

A single army motorized division requires 400 tons of supplies daily.

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in the mid-Pacific, were met We day by 35 fighters over Wotje the largest group of interceptor encountered in the Marshall isl

The Japanese followed up this re ord interception with their most per sistent attack on the Gilberts—fiv raids on Tarawa in the next tw nights and five on Makin extendin up to Friday morning. Little damag was done.

On Christmas eve navy Venturas re turned to the attack on Nauru island Japanese aerial lookout post 500 mile west of the Gilberts from which the scout American shipping movement to New Guinea and the Solomons Enemy installations were left i flames.

All American bombers returne from both Nauru and Wotje. Th army Liberators shot down three an perhaps four of the 35 interceptor over the Marshalls.

These raids were reported yesterda by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz wh earlier had announced two raid Thursday on the Marshall stronghold of Mili and Kwajalein. This makes 1 consecutive days that American bomb ers have carried the attack to th Marshalls, where they have destroye or probably destroyed 133 Japanes planes.

MacArthur announced that a troop laden Japanese coastal vessel wa sunk off Gasmata, New Britain, whil apparently on the way to attack th American beachhead farther west i the Arawe sector. Tokyo radio, neve noted for its accuracy, may have bee referring to this vessel when it re ported American positions in New Britain were shelled by Nipponese warships.

A Japanese destroyer was hit i the Vitu islands north of New Britai while 350 tons of bombs blasted bomb scarred Cape Gloucester. This majo link in the enemy's barge supply lin between Rabaul and New Guinea ha been hit by approximately 3,190 ton of explosives this month.

In Pacific land actions Australian pushed forward on Huon peninsula New Guinea, Americans engaged i sharp patrol clashes and artiller duels with Japanese on Bougainvill in the Solomons, and the Chinese continued to pursue Japanese in centra China's rice bowl.

LOW ALTITUDE BLOW IS STRUCK AT NAURU

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 25.—(AP)— Navy Ventura medium bombers de livered a Christmas Eve low-altitud bombing attack on off-bombarde Nauru island while army bombers an Japanese air men traded pre-Christ mas blows in the mid-Pacific Marsha and Gilbert islands, Admiral Cheste W. Nimitz reported today.

Japanese installations on Nauru, 50 miles west of the American-occupie Gilberts, were left blazing like a hug Christmas candle. One United State navy bomber failed to return.

Heavy army bombers from th Seventh United States air force struck again Wednesday at Wotje, one of the principal fortified bases in the central Marshall islands, driving through to their target despite interception by 3 Japanese planes. This is the heaviest aerial interception encountered by American raiders since they began their frequent flights over the Japanese-held islands in mid-November.

Three, and possibly four, of the enemy fighters were shot down. Six others were damaged. All of the army Liberators returned, although one flier was killed and another wounded.

Japanese bombers retaliated by striking five times at Tarawa and four times at Makin, the two major bases American forces won last month in the Gilberts and promptly turned against the enemy. Nimitz reported only slight damage at Tarawa and none at Makin.

Eight Americans were wounded during the Makin raids in which two Japanese bombers were shot down by an American interceptor. The Makin raids began with two night attacks and one in the daylight. In the final attack fifty bomb-carrying Japanese fighters dropped bombs from a high altitude Friday morning.

The raids on Tarawa were carried out Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Nimitz did not disclose what damage was caused in the Wotje raid, nor did he go into details on the Nauru bombing.

Nauru, a former British island valued for its phosphate, has two air fields valuable to the Japanese as a base for aerial observation of ships moving along the American supply line to the south and southwest Pacific war fronts. American bombers have been paying increasing attention to the little island, covering only eight and a half square miles. Heaviest attack was a bombardment December 8 by warships and carrier-borne planes.

FIERCE STRUGGLE

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torpedo boats cruising off the Yugoslav coast put several torpedoes into the ancient 2,300-ton German cruiser Dalmacija off Silba island between Zara and Pola. This old craft, built in 1899, formerly was the cruiser Niobe, which was sold to the Yugoslav navy in 1926 and used as a training ship. It was thought probable the ship might have been beached after damage from aerial attack.

Rain and low clouds kept air activity at its lowest ebb in many weeks but American Marauders bombed rail communications at Cecina on the Rome-Leghorn road and probably destroyed a bridge in addition to causing great damage in the railway yards.

The Eighth army made some progress beyond the Ortona-Orsogna road and ran into some stiff fighting around Villa Grande but it was at Ortona that the real fighting was going on.

Using lessons bitterly learned on the Russian front, the Germans in Ortona were using tanks sunk in the basements of houses as formidable strong points. An Allied military commentator pointed out it was almost impossible to blast out such fortifications because they get stronger as more rubble falls on them.

The Canadians were working them over one by one with Molotov cocktails and grenades. They have been locked in the fight six days now.

In designing the tires used on motor vehicles of the British Eighth army for use on the sands of Africa, engineers sought to apply the principle of the camel's broad-spreading feet.

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Irs. Selig Presents Her Music Pupils In Recital

Christmas Program Given And Delicious Refreshments Served By Hostess

Mrs. Dean Selig presented her pupils in piano, violin and ice in a recital of unusual interest and in which Christmas as the predominating feature, at her home, 1112 North hird street, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Those who participated ere the following students: Joy Toler, Dorothy Shipp, Joe ean Selig, Frances Wright Billy Dollar, Barton Elmo Holloay, George Phillips, Tommy Leos, and Barbara Ann Kelso.

At the close of the program, the rty was escorted to the Selig dining oms which was beautifully decoted in Yuletide array of flowers d streamers. Delicious refreshments ere served, forming a charming ale to the evening's pleasure.

The program was as follows:

"Cantique de Noel" (Adolph Adns); "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Iendelssohn-Bartholdy), Joy Toler, orothy Shipp, Joe Dean Selig, ances Wright.

Piano: "Yankee Doodle Came to own" (Meissner-Ganz); "Twinkle, winkle Little Star," Peter, Peter mpkin Eater," "Baby Bunting," lly Dollar.

Piano: "Magic Music," (Meissneranz); "Jack and Jill," "Summer Time" (J. M. Williams), "Echo Song," Barton Elmo Holloway.

Piano: "Little Jack Horner" (Meissner-Ganz), "Bobby Shafto's Gone to Sea," "Marching Soldiers," "Sing Robin Dear," "Buzz, old Bee," George Phillips.

Piano: "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again," "Catch Me If You Can," "Marine Hymn," "The Band Is Coming," "The Village Band," Tommy Leos.

Piano: "Oh! Susanna" (Stephen Foster), "Old Grey Goose Lullaby," "Pony Boy, Pony Boy," "Sing, Robin, Sing," "Ripling Streamlet" (Spaulding), Barbara Ann Kelso.

Piano: "Beautiful Dreamer" (Stephen Foster), "Annie Laurie" variation, "Soldier's Farewell" (Williams), Frances Wright.

Vocal: "By the Bend of the River" (Edwards-Deis), "Smilin' Through" Arthur A. Penn; "Mother Machree" (Olcott-Ball), "White Christmas" (Irving Berlin), Dorothy Shipp.

Piano: "Polonaise Op. 42 (Chopin); "Silent Night" variation (Gruber), Joe Dean Selig.

Vocal: "Love Everlasting" (R. Friml), "Sunshine of Your Smile" (Cook-Ray), "Lying Little Daisy," (J. P. Scott), "Daddy's Sweetheart" (Liza Lehmann), "Trees" (Oscar Rasbach), Joyce Toler.

"The Blue Danube," "The Rhythmic Orchestra," Mrs. Dean Selig, accompanist.

Piano: "Grand Gallope de Concert" (Eugene Ketterer), Dorothy Shipp.

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Women's Club Holds Christmas Meeting

The Wisner Women's club met in the home of Mrs. Nellie Segrest for their Christmas program with Mrs. J. B. Hoggatt and Mrs. Jim Risher, assistant hostesses.

The spacious living room and dining room were beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. Red tapers, evergreens and Christmas balls made a profusion of color throughout the house.

The program was opened by singing Christmas carols.

The "Christmas Message" was brought by Rev. W. H. Carroll. He stressed how God had always sent special messages as to Noah, Enoch and Moses but the outstanding message was the "Christmas Message," it was sent through His Son.

Mrs. Carl Shipp, Jr., gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the culture and care of azaleas and camellias.

Mrs. Robert Hammons announced that Mrs. Kathryn McGuire, state welfare worker, was anxious to visit the club and Mrs. Hammons suggested that the education department of the club invite her to come March 8. It was moved and seconded that she do this.

Mrs. Harry Gilbert suggested that since the club only has the names of three needy families to prepare Christmas baskets for that she take them to the missionary society.

Each club member gave 25c to go to the welfare department to be used where the chairman saw fit, probably to a family whose home and furnishings had been burned.

The club members discussed the Christmas pilgrimage, decided to have it Thursday night, December 23, beginning at 8 o'clock. Those who are to open their homes are: Mesdames Robert Hammons, Jim Risher, J. B. Hoggatt, Waldo Huggins, Ina Gilbert, J. G. Mitchell, Asa Kiper, Nellie Segrest, A. J. Ensminger, and Walter Enete.

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Mr. H. K. Litton and his entire personnel from the Family and the Guarantee Shoe Stores gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blue on Tuesday evening to celebrate their annual Christmas party.

In spite of war-time rationing, points were pooled, and a delicious dinner was enjoyed. The dining room table looking its best best with a poinsettia and other Christmas decorations for a center piece, was loaded to capacity with good food.

Each individual was given gay crepe paper and was permitted to make his own Christmas hat to wear on this occasion. Some very stunning bonnets and hats were the results. After a few games came the highlight of the party, the Christmas tree. Names were previously drawn, and the Christmas tree was banked with gifts.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blue were: Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Litton, and daughter, Miss Joyce Litton, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Suddath, and son, Bubby Suddath, Sargent and Mrs. Bob Hurst, Mrs. R. L. Jacoby, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cornette and daughter, Miss Gladys Cornette, Mr. Oscar Crosser, Miss Katheryn Cooper, Mr. J. C. Thrower, Miss Anna Lou Cobb, Miss Nannette Akin, Miss Marie Smith, Mrs. Ted Van Landingham and daughter, Patsy Van Landingham, Mr. R. R. McCord, Miss Cilla Faye Duchesne, Miss Kathleen McKay, Lieutenant Thomas Booley, and James Roy Blue.

And, oh yes, P. S., John Ford, the faithful colored porter of the Family Shoe store, called around at the back door for a supper hand-out, and was presented with a gift from the Christmas tree.

Captain and Mrs. W. E. Lanier of Monroe announce the marriage of their daughter, Delphia Rae to Lieutenant Paul Warrenfeltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Warrenfeltz of Woodsboro, Md., Tuesday, December 14th at 7:30.

The wedding was solemnized in the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. Cantrell, pastor of Central Baptist church.

The bride was becomingly attired in a powder blue suit with black accessories. Miss Rochell Lanier twin sister of the bride and Mr. Dennis Lynch were the only attendants.

Lieutenant Warrenfeltz graduated at Selman field, November 14, 1942. He has served 10 months overseas as navigator on B-24 Libertor 33 target plane and has 300 hours in combat to his credit. He returned to the United States December 7th. Where he is waiting further orders.

The bride's cake was three tiered and carried out the pink and green color scheme, it was cut and served immediately following the ceremony by the bride and groom.

Only relatives and very close friends attended the wedding.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Carrie Taylor and Mrs. Betty Adams both of Jonesville, La.

The couple will make their home in Woodsboro, Md., where they departed the following day for by plane.

T. C. Mason, 803 North Fourth street, West Monroe, former ticket agent of the Illinois Central in West Monroe, is a patient at St. Francis sanitarium.

Private First Class Randolph Brown is home from Fort Sill to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Brown.

Aviation Cadet Robert E. Young, from Ellington field, Houston, Tex., is home for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Young, Sr., 214 Ouachita avenue.

Society Calendar

Monday

There will be held the regular meeting of Dixie chapter No. 179, O. E. S. at the Masonic temple, Monday at 7:30 p.m. A memorial service is planned.

The Monroe Book Fellows will meet with Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Monday, December 27.

Phi Kappa annual Yuletide ball. Frances hotel terrace.

Tuesday

The annual Christmas party of the Business and Professional Women's club will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Slator, 2113 South Grand street, Tuesday, December 28, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Lambda Sigma Chi ball. Frances hotel terrace.

A shower will be given for Miss Gertrude Zurga, bride-to-be, at the home of Mrs. C. J. DuBos, Sr., at 1115 Jackson street, Wednesday at 8 p.m. Hostesses will be: Mrs. M. R. Hausherr, Mrs. W. J. Miller, Mrs. W. E. Zinsmeister and Mrs. J. J. Devereaux. All Miss Zurga's friends are invited.

Friday, December 31

The Juvenile Musical Coterie will meet Friday, December 31, at the community center at 4:15 p.m.

Beta Delta sorority will have its New Year's eve ball, Friday, December 31.

Beta Delta New Year's eve ball.

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DANCES ARE SLATED BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Five dances comprise the holiday program of local fraternities and sororities.

Last Thursday Delta Sigma had a dance at the Delta house. On Monday, December 27, Phi Kappa will have a dance on Cherokee terrace.

Wednesday, December 29, Lambda Sigma Chi sorority will hold a dance on Cherokee terrace.

Thursday, December 30, Delta Beta Sigma sorority will have a dance on Cherokee terrace.

On the last night of the year, Beta Delta sorority will entertain with a dance at the Delta house and on January 1, Sigma Phi Omega fraternity will have a dance on Hotel Frances roof.

Recreation Termed More Important Now

The Parent-Teacher association national chairman of the committee on programs states, "It has been said that the well adjusted life resembles a cross, the arms of which are all of equal length—representing work, play, religion and rest.

"Today as our community life struggles to adjust itself to the changing conditions, with staggered hours and longer work periods necessitated by the war effort, recreation becomes more important and more of a problem than ever."

George J. Hecht, president of the Parents' Institute, Inc., says "Open the doors of our schools." He says "Every year we in the United States pay out several billion dollars to operate our public schools. Our investment in our school plants has been estimated recently at thirteen billion dollars. Yet most of our schools operate on a 30-hour-a-week basis for nine months of the year. The time has come when we can no longer afford to be unmindful of the school's responsibility to the community and the value the community should receive for money spent on schools. Practically no schools in the country are being used to the full measure of their capacity."

This is a time to investigate, to find out what the school has to offer, how it can be used to fuller and better advantage and then to rally the power of local organizations and community spirit to see that school buildings, school yards and playgrounds are kept open afternoons and evenings, that wider use is made of equipment and the school becomes the community center it is well fitted to be.

This is a time when nothing should stand in the way of opening the doors of our schools to all activities that are of benefit to the community and to the individuals who live there. By so doing your community will be a better, happier, more stimulating place to live, individuals will have a chance to grow, to serve and to work together—experiences that are the very essence of democratic living.

At the last meeting of the Twin Cities Council of Parent-Teacher associations Mrs. Oscar Cloyd was appointed recreation chairman for the council and she hopes that more recreational activities will be connected with the schools of the Twin Cities. Each local P.-T. A. unit is urged to have a recreation chairman appointed.

Altrusa Club Holds Annual Christmas Party

The Altrusa club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Miss Fay Walker Thursday night, with Bernice McCoy acting as co-hostess.

Beautifully wrapped gifts were distributed to all the guests present by Hattie Taylor, who acted as "Santa Claus."

Present were Mary Benoit, Mary Clay, Clydie Cox, Ruth Hawkins, Emma Lee Short, Agatha Burkett, Dovie Goodlett, Evelyn Reims, Alma Heinberg, Thelma Bond, Adrienne Carr, Hattie Taylor, Mamie McNeil, and a guest from the Baton Rouge Altrusa club, Miss Nan Tarwater of the Louisiana State university extension department.

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Mrs. O. A. Russell, Jr., has left for Washington, D. C., by airplane to visit her husband. She was accompanied as far as Birmingham, Ala., by Miss Joann Veach who is visiting friends there.

The nation's transit industry, by applying the wartime conservation policies set forth by the office of defense transportation, is conserving almost 200,000,000 bus miles annually.

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PRO GRID ELEVENS TO CLASH FOR NATIONAL TITLE TODAY

Result Of Meeting Of Bears And Redskins Considered A Toss-Up

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The National Pro football championship game tomorrow is strictly a toss-up, with Washington's Sammy Baugh and the Chicago Bears' Sid Luckman doing the tossing.

Their passes may be the determining margin, especially if the Wrigley field turf is in such shape as to afford a poor foothold for a running attack.

However, every precaution has been used during the week's cold spell to keep the field from freezing, and the engagement may develop into a snappy ground fight. Each club has been emphasizing their intentions to strike along the ground rather than above it, but in any game bringing together such fellows as Luckman and Baugh the air is going to be filled with more than just oxygen.

A crowd of 35,000 is expected even if the mercury skids to low levels, for despite the delay which has made the game a post-Christmas affair, enthusiasm has held up.

The Bears will enter the game looking better on paper than Washington. In almost every statistical phase over the regular 10-game National Football league season, the Chicago T-masters show an edge.

Their only loss in the campaign, however, was the 21-7 spanking they took at Washington November 21. The Redskins were so buoyed up for that engagement that after the victory they promptly tailspinned into a three-game losing streak. They finally emerged from the vacuum to whip the New York Giants, 28-0, in a playoff for the Eastern division title and thus squeeze into their third national championship meeting with the Bears in four years.

GRAYSON'S SCOREBOARD

By Harry Grayson
(NEA Service Sports Editor)

Hoopla: Holidays formerly were dead dates at the country's arenas, but no longer at Madison Square Garden. . . . Ned Irish simply feeds the blackboard-happy constituents more college basketball. . . . Four doubleheaders in eight days, including Christmas and New Year's nights. . . . He packs the joint at a $2.75 top for a one-time 25-cent attraction with which dancing was thrown in. . . . William Flynt, an ordained Baptist minister, skyrockets hopes at Arkansas. . . . When cage chores are finished on Saturday night, Beebe Bill, so-called after his old home town in Lonoke county, climbs into his jitney and sets out for his pastorate at Perryville, 150 miles away. . . . Two Colgate regulars are navy trainees and last year Seton Hall stars, Bob Wanzer and Eddie McLaughlin. . . . Their speed and savvy persuaded the Red Raiders to abandon the zone defense in favor of man-for-man. . . . A popular change from the spectators' viewpoint.

Original goal tender: Mike Novak of the Chicago Loyola combination of a couple of winters back was the original goal tender. . . . They grow high on the lake front, too. . . . George Mikan, six feet eight, and his six-six brother, Eddie, are center rivals at DePaul. . . . It is reported that the army has found six-nine Harry Boykoff too long, and that last season's blasting bean-pole will return to Brooklyn St. John's, already a stick-out in the New York metropolitan area. . . . There are more than 1,000 high school teams in Indiana. . . . Adolph Rupp wears nothing but brown on the bench for Kentucky. . . . The high-rolling Wildcats picked out St. John's as the club they wanted to meet in New York. . . . The Indians' spectacular triumph over Tennessee a year ago created a profound impression in that section of the country. . . . A victory over St. John's would carry more prestige than one over any other metropolitan aggregation.

Gambling note: In the closing stages of the St. John's-Detroit engagement, with St. John's a 14-12-point favorite, a shot was looped in by a Flatbush substitute, giving his team a 15-point margin. . . . The kid was the son of a basketball bookie. . . . Whoa! Everything turned out a bit more than all right for the Old Man as usual, however, for St. John's prevailed, 44-31. . . . Right in the middle. . . . The book won both ways. . . . You can't beat it, and it it doesn't have to be fixed. . . . When time is called Foothills Kurland and his Oklahoma A. and M. teammates sprawl flat on the floor in the form of the spokes of a rimless wheel, heads in, feet outward. . . . University of Havana Caballeros introduce the mustache to basketball. . . . Four of the Colorado Claros sport them, done up in wax. . . . A group picture would be an old-fashioned tin-type.

GRID SEASON ENDS IN BOWLS JAN. 1

Estimated 340,000 Spectators To See Seven Spectacles Despite Hardships

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—College football, which opened its season away back there in August, comes to the end of the 1943 trail next Saturday with the annual January 1 bowl extravaganzas.

It will be the third bowl display of World War II and while the conflict has taken away some of the non-athletic trappings, has made travel difficult and perhaps lowered the quality of play, an estimated 340,000 spectators have tickets for the seven struggles.

Tulsa, University of Washington and Southwestern Louisiana institute all will barge into their opponents with unbeaten records although the west coast Huskies are the only ones to escape without the blemish of a tie.

The 12 teams which earned their bowl rights through the regular season compiled an aggregate record of 73 victories, 14 defeats and five ties. The remaining two contestants, the Eastern and Western all-stars, make only the one appearance each year.

The Huskies, virtually untried despite their four victories, are the foes of Southern California in the Rose Bowl where arrangements have been made for 96,000 fans. The Pasadena encounter, daddy of all the bowl affairs, this year decides the Pacific coast title.

Tulsa, making its third consecutive January 1 appearance in a bowl, is made up of probably the greatest collection of athletic 4-F's in captivity. Its Sugar Bowl foe is a Georgia Tech eleven that headlines Guard John Steber and Halfback Eddie Prokop.

Miami's Orange Bowl, where the seating capacity has been cut to 28,000, offers two civilian teams in Louisiana State and Texas A. and M. Their meeting will be a replay of their October 9 tussle when the cadets stopped the 200-pound Steve Van Buren long enough to defeat L. S. U., 28 to 13.

In contrast, the Cotton Bowl at Dallas has the only completely military eleven to see action that day. The Randolph Field Flyers, beaten only once during the season and with the great Glen Dobbs at quarter, are booked against Texas university, another once-beaten outfit. They will entertain 35,000.

Some 58,000 will see the East-West game at San Francisco, where the profits again will go to various Shrine hospitals and war relief organizations.

The Oil Bowl makes its debut at Houston with Arkansas A. and M. which formerly took pride its losing streak, and Southwestern Louisiana trying to play off their 20-20 tie of midseason.

Southwestern of Texas, victor over Texas and strong enough to tie Tulsa, and New Mexico are the Sun Bowl opponents at El Paso and both schools have promised that their share of the profits will be donated to charities.

BOWL FACTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Football bowl facts and figures, giving name of bowl, site, names of opposing teams with won-lost-tied records, excepted attendance and kickoff times:

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.—Southern California (7-2-0) vs. University of Washington (4-0-0) 96,000, 4:30 p.m. central war time.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans—Tulsa (6-0-1) vs. Georgia Tech (7-3-0), 73,000, 2:45 p.m. central war time.

Orange Bowl at Miami—Louisiana State (5-3-0) vs. Texas A. and M. (7-1-1), 28,000, 12:10 p.m. central war time.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas—Texas (7-1-0) vs. Randolph Field (9-1-0) 35,000, 1 p.m. central war time.

East-West game at San Francisco—Attendance 58,000, 4:30 p.m. central war time.

Oil Bowl at Houston, Tex.—Arkansas A. and M. (5-1-1) vs. Southwestern Louisiana institute (4-0-1), 30,000, 1:30 p.m. central war time.

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex.—Southwestern of Texas (9-1-1) vs. New Mexico (3-1-0), 20,000, 3 p.m. central war time.

Ed Barrow managed the Boston Red Sox when they won the 1918 World Series. The team won 75 and lost 51 during the curtailed season.

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BOYS' HIGH IS WINNER, 13 TO 0

Atlanta Prep Eleven Defeats Meridian Team In Annual Blue-Gray Game

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 25.—(AP)—The Purple Hurricane of Boys' High from Atlanta sloshed over the Meridian High Wildcats, 13-0, here today in the sixth annual Blue-Gray game on a soggy field before some 300 rain drenched cold fans.

Neither team could run freely on the slushy field, while passing attacks and kicking were also hampered. Four footballs were used alternately because of mud on a baseball diamond located almost mid-field of the gridiron.

Shorty McWilliams, stellar back of the Mississippi champions, played an outstanding game until he was injured late in the fray. Backing up the line, he consistently made tackles ahead of his forward wall and offensively he was the star of the game.

Veazy Lecraw and Ralph Ewing, halfbacks for Georgia champions, each making a touchdown, led their team to victory with help from the able kicking of Richard Sewell. Leonard (Butcher) Bethea was star lineman for the Atlantans.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—

Days are short and years are fleeting,
Again it's time for a Christmas greeting
To guys and gals of every sort
Inhabitants of the world of sport.

So merry Christmas to old man Stagg—
May your football interest never flag;
The same to Frank and Clark, the Shaughnessys,
A couple of guys we can admire honestly;
To Connie Mack and Snorter Luster—
May athletes around you cluster—
To Patty Berg and Pauline Betz,
The queens, respectively, of links and nets;
To Mushky Jackson and Holcombe Ward
And the naval aviation selection board.

Salutations to H. B. Swope—
Please give us some inside racing dope—
And to the judges, Landis and Bramham,
Who recognize racing folks only to slam 'em,
To Billy Smith, the Hawaiian swimmer,
And Gloria Callen, who makes you simmer,
To the honest brakeman and Asa Bushnell
Let's give a good substantial yell,
And to Elmer Daily and stout Steve Owen
And all the coaches who go for rowin'.

Greetings Joe Louis, Joe Hunt and Joe Dey,
Than whom there isn't a nicer guy,
And Daniel Ferris and Gregory Rice,
A couple of others equally nice.
The same to Pete Cawthon and Eddie Brannick,
Who stuck with losers and weren't in a panic,
To Ernie Lanigan and to Frank Murray
And Red Dutton who always is in a hurry,
To Beau Jack, Branch Rickey and Pancho Segura,
A combination of sound and fury.

A happier New Year to you, Lou Little,
For whom the past wasn't beer and skittles,
To Ford C. Frick and William Harridge
And to a race horse whose name is Marriage;
To Oscar Reichow and Eddie Walker
And Jimmy Johnston, the non-stop talker,
To Elmer Layden and likewise George Strickler,
Who at Elmer's bidding is very particular,
To Francois Boucher and Lester Patrick,
May your hockey players perform the hat trick.

Best wishes Mike Jacobs and also Al Weill,
On you may boxing continue to smile,
To Ned Irish, Sam Hardy and Abe J. Greene,
And more Turnesas than we ever have seen,
To Angelo Bertelli and Edward Barrow,
Who keeps the Yanks on the straight and narrow,
To Sammy Baugh and Earl Hilligan
And college athletes from Yale to Milligan,
And to all the soldiers and sailors and Seabees,
Marines, and likewise their wives and their babies.

The best of the season to all the sports writers
Whose contributions make this one's tasks all the lighter,
And to all of the folks we may have forgotten
Our intentions are good, though our verse may be rotten.

VERRY TO LEAD TROJANS IN ROSE BOWL CONTEST

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Hefty Norm Verry, playing his fourth year of varsity football, has been chosen to captain the Southern California Trojans against the Washington Huskies in the Rose Bowl New Year's day.

Verry, of the marine reserves, has been on the sidelines since he injured his knee in the Trojan's opening game this season with U. C. L. A. converted tackle, he is the biggest man on the Trojan line and will start at guard position.

The Southern California team was given its last pre-holiday drill yesterday by Coach Jeff Cravath and will not resume practices until Monday.

MADE VISIT HERE

Major William W. Harrington (above) has returned to his station ending a 10-day visit with relatives and friends in and around Monroe. He had recently returned from North Africa, where he was a member of the general staff attached to the Sixth corps. He returned to the States in September aboard a hospital ship and received treatment at Harmon general hospital, Longview, Tex. At present he is assigned to Camp Fannin, Tyler, Tex. Mrs. Harrington and son Billy are making their home with the former's sister, Mrs. C. B. Hair, 411 North Second street, during the major's absence. Major Harrington is son of

SELLOUT CROWD FOR SUGAR BOWL

David Says Football Classic New Year's Is Cinch For Capacity Throng

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—President Joseph B. David of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports association says the "streamlined" Sugar Bowl carnival this season—consisting solely of the tenth annual football game, this time between Georgia Tech and Tulsa on New Year's day—is a cinch to draw a capacity crowd of 73,000.

Travel restrictions brought about by the war, led civic-minded Sugar Bowlers to cancel all other events on the usual week-long parade of all-star sports attractions. The war casualties include basketball, track and field, tennis, boxing, regatta and rowing.

"Advance sale of tickets has been unusually good," David said, "and it looks like New Orleans people are going to give us our second capacity crowd under wartime conditions." David explained that no tickets are being mailed out of the New Orleans area and that the filling of the spacious Sugar Bowl stadium will be strictly a matter of "civic pride."

Sugar Bowl officials have made a special price of $1.10 to service men and women, and Tulsa and New Orleans fans were engaged in a race to see which city could treat the most uniforms.

W. F. Burbank, chairman of the war activities committee of the Young Men's Business club of New Orleans, estimated that around 15,000 service men and women would be admitted to the game free. He added that hundreds of Tulsa and Georgia Tech fans were turning over their tickets to service men in view of travel restrictions.

President David said a war bond drive would be held in the stadium on the day of the game and that an effort would be made to exceed the $1,854,000 in bonds sold at the Tulsa-Tennessee game last January 1. David said he expected this year's sales to average a $25 bond for every person attending.

Regarding the financial aspect of the game, David said the Sugar Bowl had paid off its debt to Tulane university "two years ahead of schedule" and now owes only the bondholder who financed the additions and improvements to the vast stadium at Tulane.

GO GINO CAPTURES FAIRGROUNDS EVENT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Go Gino, four-year-old Dock stables entry, won the $5,000 Christmas handicap over a muddy track at the Fairgrounds this afternoon. Coming from behind, Go Gino, with Jockey Sam Murphy up, caught the Dearborn stable's favored Overdrawn and B. F. Whitaker's Requested and, drawing out, was safe from the fast finish of the Rupaca farm's Layaway. Requested held third place; H. E. Morden's Flying Giant was fourth and Overdrawn fifth in the six-furlongs dash.

Go Gino was unable to keep the early pace, set by Overdrawn, with Requested and Valdina Albert bunched close, but in the stretch he closed with a rush and was still going strong at the finish. An outsider in the betting, he paid $31.00 for $2.

Rainy, cold weather failed to keep down attendance, and betting was brisk.

In the Poinsettia purse, a six-furlongs sprint, Fox Brownie, owned by Joe W. Brown of New Orleans, found the muddy track to his liking and came from behind to pass Holding J. Emery's High Harp, with the Cedar farm's George Case, favorite, a well-beaten third.

Fox Brownie's victory gave Joe W. Brown and Jockey Nick Jemas a double for the day, Jeams having brought Miss Amanda, another Brown representative, home winner of the third race.

Fox Brownie paid $14.60 for a $2 ticket.

ONE-EYED CONNOLLY TO RETIRE, BECOME CHEF

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—One-Eyed Connolly is going to give up the thrill of gate crashing, which he has enjoyed for 44 years, less two spent war-working in Detroit, and become a chef.

Connolly boasts he has crashed more major sports events in his 44 years of applied tactics than the promoters knew existed. But two years ago he went to work, and ill-health subsequently forced him to quit.

Now he is going to follow another hobby—cooking in a suburban restaurant operated by a friend.

KILGORE BLAMES WAR ON CARTELS

Says Industrialists Plan to Continue That Kind Of Rule

By Richard Tompkins
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

Although international cartels are "a thorn in the side of our war effort," even now "American industrialists and the industrialists of other nations are making plans to continue the government of the world by private cartel arrangement," says Senator Harley M. Kilgore, Democrat, West Virginia.

In the January Free World, Senator Kilgore asserts that while we are engaged here in the manufacture of high octane gasoline by "wasteful methods," we are sending aviators "on desperate missions to destroy the highly efficient German plants built with our aid." Some cartel arrangements, he says, "were so phrased as to control not only markets but to furnish secret and confidential information to Germany."

"Let us not forget that cartels have dominated the channels of international trade, have oppressed and exploited whole peoples, have restricted production and technology, have stemmed the tide of progress and have plunged the nations of the world into two of the bloodiest wars in history."

Senator Kilgore goes on to warn that "if our children are to enjoy the four freedoms * * * then cartels and monopolies with their secret, strangling agreements and treaties must be eliminated from the earth."

On the same subject, an article in the New Republic says most of the discussions about the danger of monopoly and cartels are weak in suggestions of what may be done to avoid them. The article, by H. S. Person, calls for "something more direct and positive."

It is pointed out that at the end of the war the government will own a major, or a substantial, part of many basic industries, so that post-war control of monopolies might take this form:

"A moderate fraction of any one of these (basic industries), kept under government ownership and operated directly or indirectly in a competitive market as a 'yardstick' regular of supply and prices, would serve as a powerful strategic control for the regularization of industries that lend themselves peculiarly to monopolization and cartelization.

"Public control of selected units in a capitalistic economy would not make that economy socialistic any more than the establishment of public control of the mail made our society socialistic."

Peace Issues

Examining the conflicting interests that will confront the peace conferences, Peter F. Drucker, in the New Year's Saturday Evening Post, notes that, while the Layman's main purpose would be prevention of future German aggression, there is doubt among military men of the soundness of this argument in avoiding a third world war.

Military men, he explains, are not interested whether the Germans have learned their lesson, or whether they can be reeducated. From a cold analysis of military facts, Germany is shown to be already "a second-rate power."

Unsung

Outside of navy circles, few Americans know Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, chief of the new central Pacific command. In Colliers, Frank D. Morris calls him "one of the greatest United States navy tacticians of all time."

"Admiral Nagano knows of Spruance; so does Tojo-because, if it weren't for Spruance at Midway, Japanese carriers might now be based at Pearl Harbor."

As Admiral Chester Nimitz' second in command, Spruance remained in the background until he headed up the conquest of the Gilbert islands, for "while the MacArthurs, the Halseys and the Eisenhowers continued to make page one stories, Spruance was busy with a job at hand. The admiral, incidentally, detests personal publicity."

Spruance does not attempt to predict the day the war will end but he is optimistic, saying:

"When Germany collapses, the war out here in the Pacific will enter an entirely new phase. Instead of wondering where we can get the proper weapons to fight with, we shall face the problem of where to use the abundance of weapons we will then have placed in our hands."

Early To Wed

Whether to marry or to wait until the war is over is the question confronting youth in the middle and later 'teens, and it is not an easy problem for parents either.

Katharine Whiteside Taylor, in Parents' magazine for January, says it is easy to understand why war always speeds up marriage—"Boys and girls feel they must seize what happiness they can before the opportunity is gone forever."

There is a parallel for early marriages, Miss Taylor says. In the colonial period the average marriage age for girls was 14 and for boys 16; in the Civil war, it rose to 16 and 18—"Yet many fine characters evolved in spite of, or perhaps because of, the emotional growth involved in these early marriages."

Miss Taylor says "hasty" marriages are not wise at any time, "least of all when the excitement of war makes it particularly difficult to see clearly." Yet, she concludes, "it would seem wise for parents not to block the marriage of young people who seem really congenial and mature in their desire to wed before the war is over."

LIKELY TO AVERT MILK RATIONING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Prospects of averting rigid rationing of fluid milk next year have brightened, war food administration officials say, although current production is below last year's level and short of essential requirements.

One major factor contributing to a declining milk volume has been the inability of many dairymen to get plentiful supplies of corn and feed proteins at prices encouraging maximum production.

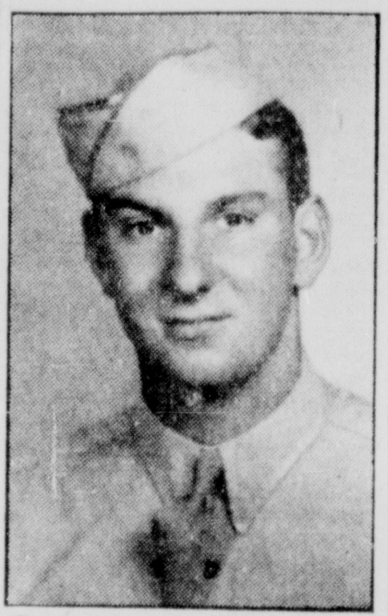
Because they afforded a wider profit margin, hogs got first claim to a feed supply which had declined sharply in relation to livestock numbers.

Deciding that it was more important to step up milk production than to maintain pork output, the government asked farmers to cut down on next year's hog raising operations. This request was accompanied by changes in price policies which had the effect of making hog feeding less profitable.

An agriculture survey shows hog production in 1944 may be at least 16 per cent below this year.

If borne out, this would mean less pork a year from now but more milk and dairy products. Corn which otherwise would be used to feed hogs now is expected to go into dairy production.

VISITING HOME



Sergeant Franklin J. Rivers (above) one of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rivers of 106 Hilton who are in the service is spending Christmas holidays at home. Sergeant Rivers has just finished central instructors' school at Ft. Myers, Fla., and is en route back to his United States army air base at Pyote, Tex., where he has been stationed for some time. He is reporting back there as superior aerial radio and gunnery instructor on Flying Fortresses.

EAST, WEST SQUADS WORK ON CHRISTMAS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Eastern and Western football players who will meet here New Year's day in the annual charity game for the Cripple Children's hospital, celebrated Christmas day on the practice field.

The Easterners, training at Santa Clara under Coaches George Hauser, Minnesota, and Andy Kerr, Colgate, ran through plays for more than two hours before sitting down to a turkey dinner.

From all indications the East team will shape up as a speedy unit, with outstanding pass recevers in Peter Pihos, Indiana; Walter Sergy, Lafayette; Ernest Beamer, Duke; Rudy Smeja, Michigan, and Cecil Sc
Ohio State.

Charles Avery, halfback fro
nesota, drew praise for his ba
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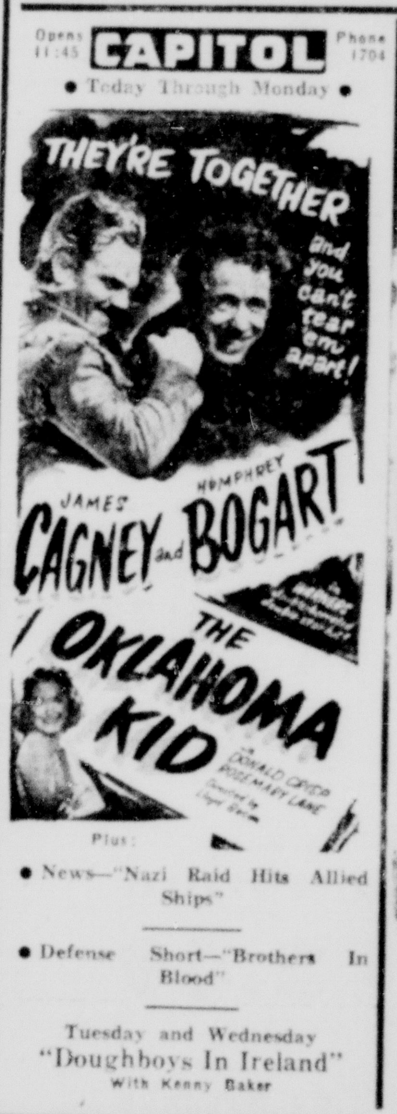

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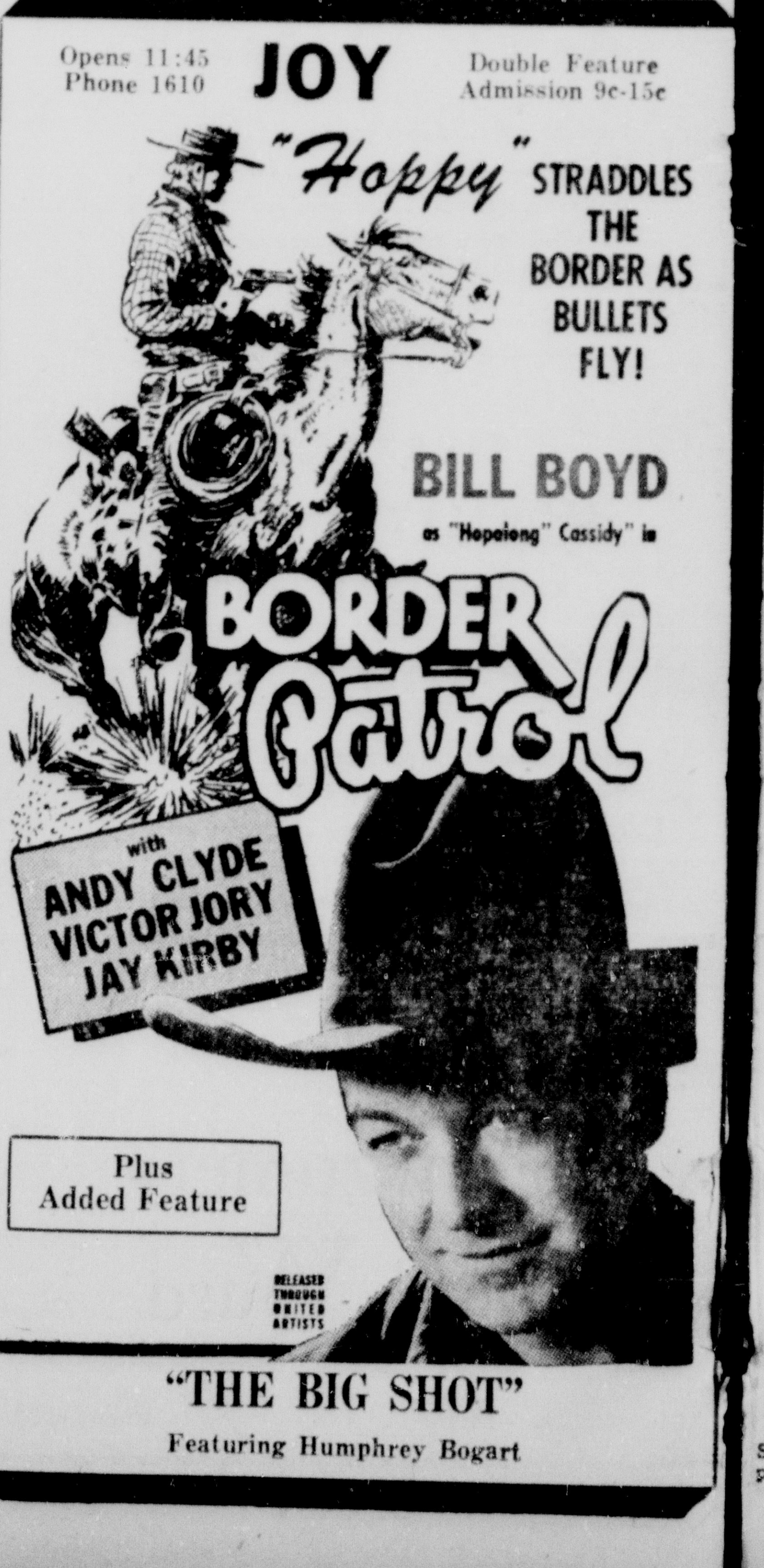

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87—Lots For Sale

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CHANGTEH GREAT CITY OF DEATH

Former Town Of 160,000 Is Mass Of Shattered Wreckage

By Clyde A. Fransworth

CHANGTEH, (By courier and telegraph to Chungking), Dec. 22.—(Delayed)—(AP)—This once peaceful city of some 160,000 persons today is just a mass of twisted and shattered wreckage to which the stench of death still clings.

Piles of ashes mark the places where the Japanese burned their dead and freshly-turned graves commemorate the nameless Chinese soldiers who fell during the 20-day battle for the city—the most frightful struggle of the entire Chinese-Japanese war.

Only now—10 days after the battle—are the people who fled before the invaders returning to the ruins of their homes.

Here 3,000 Chinese under Major General Cheng Wan were reduced to some 30 before they were forced to abandon the city to the Japanese, and here Chinese armies executed a masterful offensive across the Yuan river to deliver the city from the invaders.

I arrived here yesterday afternoon with a Chinese-conducted party of war correspondents and military attaches we traveled by steam launch, junk, and sampan up the Shing Sze river from Changsha to Kiyang for three days, then by mule, pony, sedan-chair and afoot for four more before arriving here.

Our party is being lodged at a Spanish Roman Catholic mission, near Changteh's east gate.

Our host is Bishop Gerardo F. Herrero, 59, who has spent the last 34 years in China. He with six other Spanish nationals, members of the mission, were the only civilian foreigners to remain here during the battle for Changteh.

The treatment of the missionaries at the hands of the Japanese caused him to notify the Spanish consul at Shanghai that all Spanish members of the mission were "extremely insulted" and that the mission had been looted of money and property worth more than 400,000 Chinese dollars.

The bishop in his message to the consul said "fortunately no one was killed" but urged that a strong protest be made to the Japanese government and that compensation be demanded.

The bishop gave our party the first eye-witness accounts of the battle as well as of the treatment of the mission by the Japanese.

He said the mission was advised by the Chinese to evacuate on November 20 but that all possiblity of escape by boat—the only feasible means—had vanished.

Bishop Herrero said he hung out a Spanish flag and waited for the worst. Chinese townspeople, mostly women and children who had been unable to get away, sought refuge in the mission building.

The bishop said the Japanese approached Changteh in a wide-swinging encirclement and as their fighting neared the city the "world was shaken like a hell" with planes roaring in the sky, and artillery and machine guns "going all around us, it seemed."

He related that the Chinese troops in bitter hand-to-hand street fighting finally were forced to retreat along the river bank in front of the mission to a Confucian temple just outside the east gate. Buildings on all sides of the mission were blasted by the gunfire.

The Japanese, he said, at first after ascertaining that the mission was in the hands of neutral Spaniards did nothing more than "borrow" such things as cooking oil, salt and cooking vessels. Several days later he said he visited a mission building where the Japanese had taken shelter. One soldier searched him, taking a fountain pen and what money he had, and then slapped him when he was slow about removing a sash the soldier had taken a fancy to.

After that he declared the Japanese looted the main building of the mission.

Searching an underground room they dug up a heavy wooden chest and chopped it open and took two watches, nine ounces of gold, $20,000 in money, a gold crucifix and a diamond ceremonial ring.

Three Spanish sisters, together with three Chinese sisters, and other women, used the chapel as a refuge and the bishop was struck over the head with a wooden stave when he resisted attempts of the invaders to "arrest" the women. One of the nuns suffered a bad scalp wound when a Japanese soldier struck her over the head with the flat side of his sword. The bishop said that in all he was struck on four different occasions.

D. A. V. POST HAS NAME OF HERO

James H. McClendon Is Honored; Lost Life On Mission

The D. A. V. (Disabled American Veterans) post in Monroe has been recently named in honor of James H. McClendon, the McClendon post, who lost his life in line of duty on a scheduled flight December 17, 1942.

McClendon was born May 10, 1920; he attended Monroe city schools and was a graduate of Neville High school, class of 1937.

He then attended Northeast Junior college and Louisiana Tech school of engineering up to 1941. He received his civilian pilot training and private pilot's license during the summer of 1941. He enlisted in the army air corps at Barksdale field and was called to service immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack, being ordered to California for primary and basic training. He received his wings and commission June 23, 1942 as pilot of a P-38 fighter plane at Luke field, Ariz. He was then assigned to the heavy bombardment ships and ordered to Geiger field, Wash., for training on four-motored ships. He was assigned as first pilot on a B-24 D Liberator, October 24, 1942 and was assigned at once to foreign duty.

He arrived in Hawaii in October, 1942 and participated in the search of the southwest Pacific for Captain Rickenbacker, and later in patrol and bombing missions in the Pacific. He lost his life in the Pacific southwest on a bombing missions December 16, 1942. Interment was in Schofield Barracks post cemetery.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McClendon, 1201 Park avenue, Monroe.

DEATHS

SARAH FRANCES BREARD

Sarah Frances Breard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Breard, of 2833 DeSiard road, died at her home Friday at 9 p. m.

The funeral will be held at Mulhearn Funeral home, Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Monsignor N. F. Vandegaer will officiate.

She was born June 18, 1939.

MRS. FANNIE HOPKINS

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Hopkins, 85, resident of Mer Rouge for the past 50 years who died Friday night after a lingering illness, were held here Saturday at 3 p. m. at the residence of a daughter, Mrs. T. G. Gallagher. Rev. F. A. Mathers, Methodist pastor of Mer Rouge, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. A. McCormick. Burial was in the Mer Rouge cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. O. Fowler, L. G. Higginbotham, C. E. Vaughan, J. H. Michie, W. H. McKelvey, C. S. Padgett, E. M. White and F. W. Rives.

Mrs. Hopkins was the widow of the late W. E. Hopkins. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Gallagher, she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. G. D. Baker, and a son, Clyde Hopkins, both of Mer Rouge, and 10 grandchildren, Mrs. Cecil Armstrong and June, Elaine, Donna and Donald Baker, all of Mer Rouge, Mrs. C. B. Flynn, Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Emmett Harper, Bastrop, Mrs. Peggy Lynn, Jones, and Lyle and Billy Hopkins, Ruston, and four great-grandchildren.

INFANT ANTLEY

Funeral services were held Saturday at 4 p. m. at the Mt. Arratt cemetery at Downsville for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Antley, who died in a local clinic Friday night.

The infant is survived by his parents, two brothers, Benard and Billy Jack, a sister, Sandra, his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Antley, Point, La., and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Emma Brantley, Downsville.

The Dixie Funeral home was in charge of the funeral.

MRS. J. W. CARPENTER

TALLULAH, La., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Mrs. John W. Carpenter, 48, a resident of Tallulah for the past several years, died Thursday night in a Vicksburg hospital. Funeral services were held Friday at 3 p.m. in Starkville, Miss., with Rev. Bradney J. Moore of the Starkville Episcopal church officiating.

Survivors include her husband and a son, Lieutenant Colonel John W. Carpenter, Jr.

THURMAN RITES

RAYVILLE, La., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Funeral services for Joe Thurman, 66, resident of Rayville who died Friday in a Monroe hospital, were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Mulhearn Funeral home chapel here. Rev. Midyette, Methodist pastor of Rayville, officiated, assisted by Dr. J. H. Hooks, pastor of the First Baptist church of Rayville. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Edgar Duncan, Richard Downes, Bill Noland, Leonard Tolar, J. V. Boles and Henry Kirk. Honorary pallbearers were all friends of the family.

Mr. Thurman is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. Walter Nance and Dalbert Thurman, both of Rayville, Mrs. Dean Chapman of Mt. Pleasant, Tex., Marvin Thurman, Long Beach, Calif., and Clifton Thurman, Uperindusky, Ohio, and two sisters, Mrs. L. H. Kirk, Rayville, and Mrs. J. L. Merrimore, Marshall, Tex.

CANNOT EXPLAIN EXPECTED LOSS

To Tell How War Casualties To Come Would Reveal Plans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The latest outburst of authoritative pessimism in Washington about the course of the war can be traced to the fact that officials expect the next few months to be worse than anything yet experienced, and can't figure out a way to tell the public why.

To explain why they expect heavy casualties, why the fighting ahead will be so much worse than fighting up to now, they would have to talk in numbers of men to be used, the nature of troops and equipment and obstacles to be encountered, and other matters which would telegraph their punches to the enemy.

So they issue another warning to the public not to be "complacent."

The prediction of one high official that casualties would be quadrupled in the next 90 days was another attempt to jolt people into realization that, in killed and wounded men, this country has hardly begun to pay the cost of victory. Obviously nobody knows what the casualties are going to be, but the army and navy presumably have calculated the coming campaigns on the assumption of the worst possible cost.

Cutbacks in production of tanks, high explosives and small arms ammunition have produced a general public belief—or at least so a number of Washington officials are convinced—that the war is all but over.

Again, as in the case of the military outlook, officialdom can't counteract the effect of cutbacks on public opinion without saying specifically and in detail, what other military production programs still are increasing, including those in which there actually are bottlenecks.

These facts can't be disclosed without the enemy finding out about them, too. So, at intervals, comes another statement warning the public against "complacency."

Oops!: A report of the senate judiciary committee, through typographical error, states that congress has no control over "the places of chasing senators." The embarrassed committee majority, recommending a bill to abolish poll tax qualifications of eight southern states, insists it meant that congress may alter state regulations governing elections "except as to the places of choosing senators."

Post-war plum: Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, out to get the job of demobilizing the army and navy, got the jump this week with his plan to coordinate federal veterans' activities under the United States employment service. But there's strong sentiment in congress to consolidate the post-war work under Frank T. Hines, who now heads the veterans administration.

Lost limbs: Major General Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general of the army, told a congressional appropriations sub-committee in a private hearing that so far in this war there have been 1,000 fittings of artificial limbs for wounded American soldiers, compared with 4,000 in the last war.

Europe's food needs: An unpublished government report estimates food relief requirements for Nazi-occupied Europe—including Italy—during the first year of Allied occupation will be the equivalent of complete rations for about 23,200,000 persons.

The quantity of shipped-in food for minimum needs of the area is estimated at 5,800,000 tons for that first year.

The report estimates that the United States probably could furnish the following proportions of the foods needed: fruits, 95 per cent; fats and oils, 50 per cent; legumes (beans, peas and soybeans), 90 per cent; meats and eggs, 50 per cent; dairy products, 40 per cent; other vegetables, 15 per cent.

Army slang: In the last war the pet name for body lice was cooties. Now soldiers call 'em "seam squirrels."

The Big Inches: The house small business committee is investigating the Texas-Eastern seaboard pipeline situation to determine whether changing war conditions have made it advisable to abandon the natural gas pipeline on which work is just getting under way, and to convert one of the two new oil conduits to gas. New tanker and barge construction, coupled with decreased losses through enemy action, has eased the waterborne oil transportation picture.

Farm Income: The bureau of agricultural economics estimates, in the absence of official tabulations by the treasury, that federal income taxes of farmers as a whole will be 650 per cent greater this year than last.

This increase isn't as bad as it sounds, since farmers were estimated to have paid just $50,000,000 in such taxes in 1942.

Also, the estimated $375,000,000 farm income tax bill for 1943 is less than 2 per cent of farmers' estimated cash income.

Looking Back: The politicos are waiting with avid interest for the forthcoming book of Charley Michelson, veteran publicity man for the Democratic party. The opus, to be titled "The Ghost Talks," may be out before the 1944 campaign is over, with a few chapters printed in advance in a national magazine.

Aha!: Some Republicans think it may be another fourth term scheme. A high G. O. P. official, riding in a Washington taxi, fell to studying one of those "don't talk" stickers bearing Uncle Sam's picture. By placing his hands a certain way over the sideburns and whiskers, he found that Uncle Sam bore an amazing resemblance to you-know-who.

Do you know what General Arnold said?

The other day, General Arnold lifted us right out of our seats cheering.

He said: "One day last month over 1600 planes were in the air going from the United States overseas to some war theater."

Of course, that was just one particular day, and a big one. But even so, that's good. In fact, that's swell!

Then General Arnold went on:

He told how the Army Air Force and the R. A. F. saved our men at Salerno. And how, in doing it, we had to scrape the bottom of the barrel. How we had to use every plane in North Africa—how we had to gather planes from every training center, depot and modification center to do the trick.

He said the Italian invasion "would have been easier with more planes—and could not have been done with less."

He talked about the American raids on Germany. On one, 24 big Fortresses didn't come home. On another, 35. On another, 27. On another, 21. And since he talked, 60 bombers—and their gallant crews—went down in a single raid. No one can attempt to evaluate their loss in dollars or the loss to the enemy in destruction of war materials needed by him to carry on the war. But planes cost dollars to produce—millions of dollars.

Then he pointed again to the obvious fact that the Italian fight "is a small engagement compared to the gigantic expedition which one day, and we hope not too many months hence, will be set against continental Europe."

In short, if a fact was ever made crystal-clear, General Arnold made this one: What we're doing now is good—BUT STILL NOT NEARLY ENOUGH!

And that goes for our building, for our fighting—and for the War Bond buying that makes the building and fighting possible.

Coming soon is a day when, with one mighty effort, we're going to smash into Hitler's Europe and bury Germany under an overwhelming mass of men, equipment—and all the materials that money can buy.

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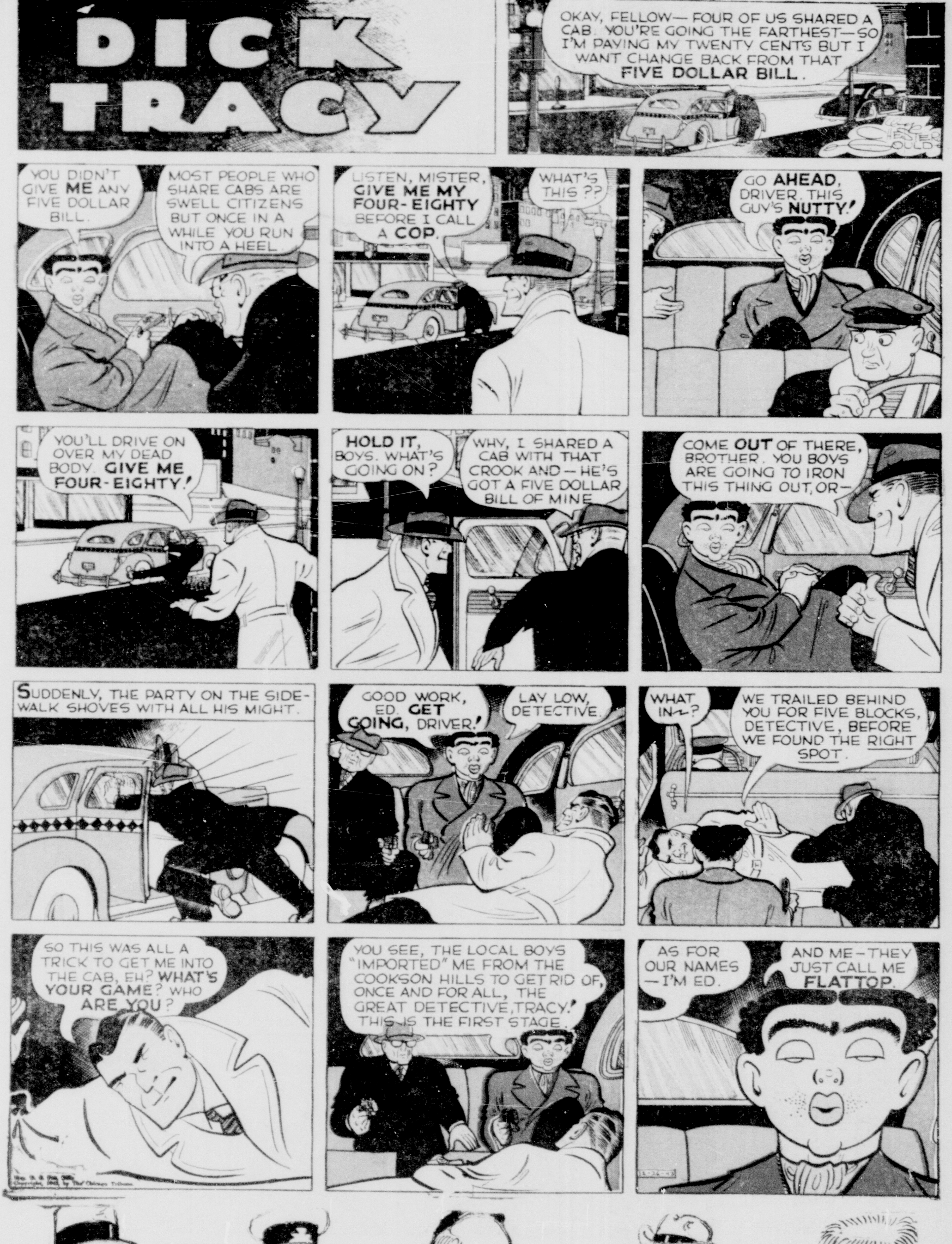
DICK TRACY
OKAY, FELLOW— FOUR OF US SHARED A CAB. YOU'RE GOING THE FARTHEST—SO I'M PAYING MY TWENTY CENTS BUT I WANT CHANGE BACK FROM THAT FIVE DOLLAR BILL.
CHESTER GOULD
YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY FIVE DOLLAR BILL.
MOST PEOPLE WHO SHARE CABS ARE SWELL CITIZENS BUT ONCE IN A WHILE YOU RUN INTO A HEEL.
LISTEN, MISTER, GIVE ME MY FOUR-EIGHTY BEFORE I CALL A COP.
WHAT'S THIS ??
GO AHEAD, DRIVER. THIS GUY'S NUTTY!
YOU'LL DRIVE ON OVER MY DEAD BODY. GIVE ME FOUR-EIGHTY!
HOLD IT, BOYS. WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY, I SHARED A CAB WITH THAT CROOK AND—HE'S GOT A FIVE DOLLAR BILL OF MINE.
COME OUT OF THERE, BROTHER. YOU BOYS ARE GOING TO IRON THIS THING OUT, OR—
SUDDENLY, THE PARTY ON THE SIDEWALK SHOVES WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.
GOOD WORK, ED. GET GOING, DRIVER!
LAY LOW, DETECTIVE.
WHAT IN—?
WE TRAILED BEHIND YOU FOR FIVE BLOCKS, DETECTIVE, BEFORE WE FOUND THE RIGHT SPOT.
SO THIS WAS ALL A TRICK TO GET ME INTO THE CAB, EH? WHAT'S YOUR GAME? WHO ARE YOU?
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YOU SEE, THE LOCAL BOYS "IMPORTED" ME FROM THE COOKSON HILLS TO GET RID OF, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE GREAT DETECTIVE, TRACY! THIS IS THE FIRST STAGE.
AS FOR OUR NAMES —I'M ED.
AND ME—THEY JUST CALL ME FLATTOP.
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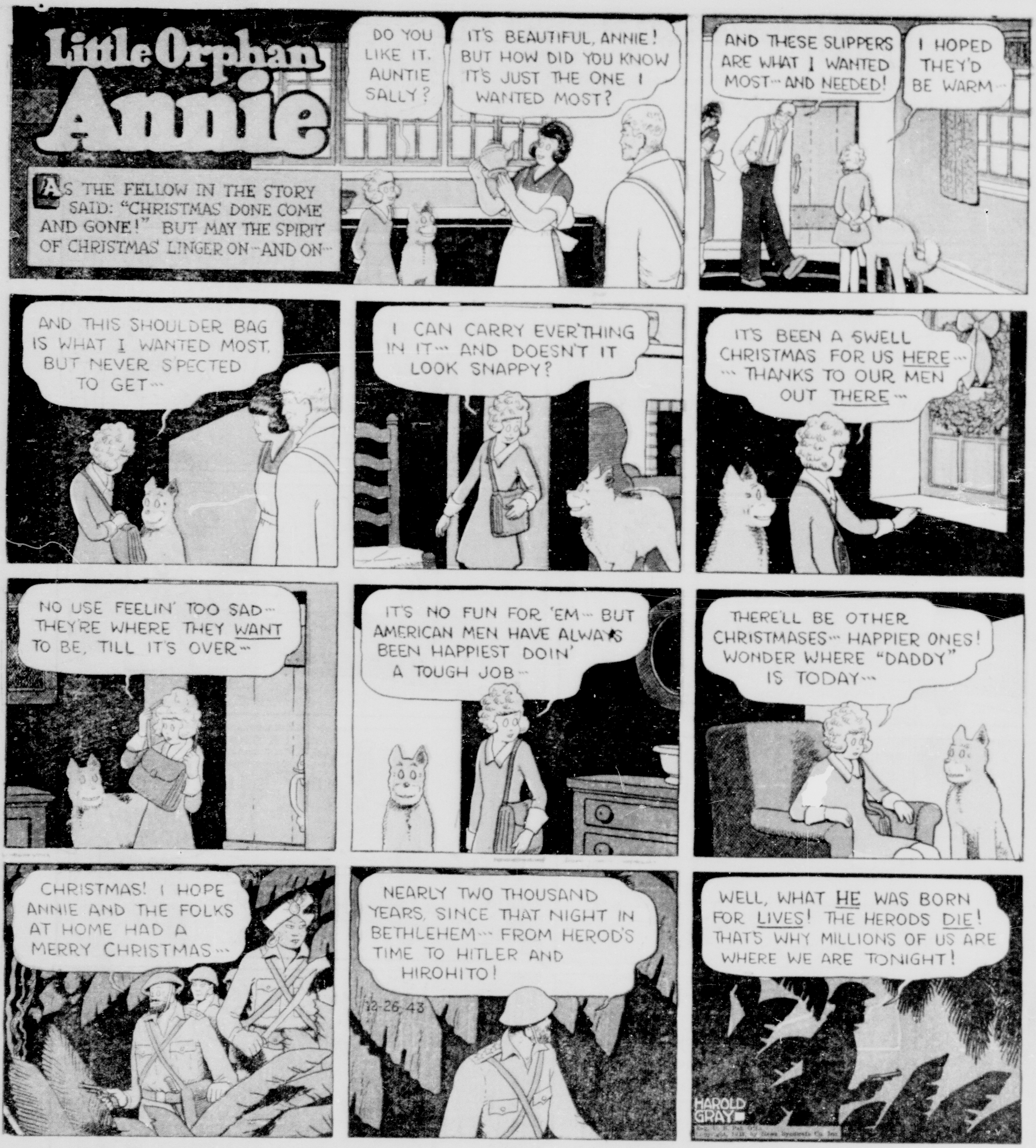
Little Orphan Annie
AS THE FELLOW IN THE STORY SAID: "CHRISTMAS DONE COME AND GONE!" BUT MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS LINGER ON--AND ON--
DO YOU LIKE IT. AUNTIE SALLY?
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, ANNIE! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW IT'S JUST THE ONE I WANTED MOST?
AND THESE SLIPPERS ARE WHAT I WANTED MOST--AND NEEDED!
I HOPED THEY'D BE WARM--
AND THIS SHOULDER BAG IS WHAT I WANTED MOST, BUT NEVER S'PECTED TO GET--
I CAN CARRY EVER'THING IN IT--AND DOESN'T IT LOOK SNAPPY?
IT'S BEEN A SWELL CHRISTMAS FOR US HERE-- --THANKS TO OUR MEN OUT THERE--
NO USE FEELIN' TOO SAD--THEY'RE WHERE THEY WANT TO BE, TILL IT'S OVER--
IT'S NO FUN FOR 'EM--BUT AMERICAN MEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HAPPIEST DOIN' A TOUGH JOB--
THERE'LL BE OTHER CHRISTMASES--HAPPIER ONES! WONDER WHERE "DADDY" IS TODAY--
CHRISTMAS! I HOPE ANNIE AND THE FOLKS AT HOME HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS--
NEARLY TWO THOUSAND YEARS, SINCE THAT NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM--FROM HEROD'S TIME TO HITLER AND HIROHITO!
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WELL, WHAT HE WAS BORN FOR LIVES! THE HERODS DIE! THAT'S WHY MILLIONS OF US ARE WHERE WE ARE TONIGHT!
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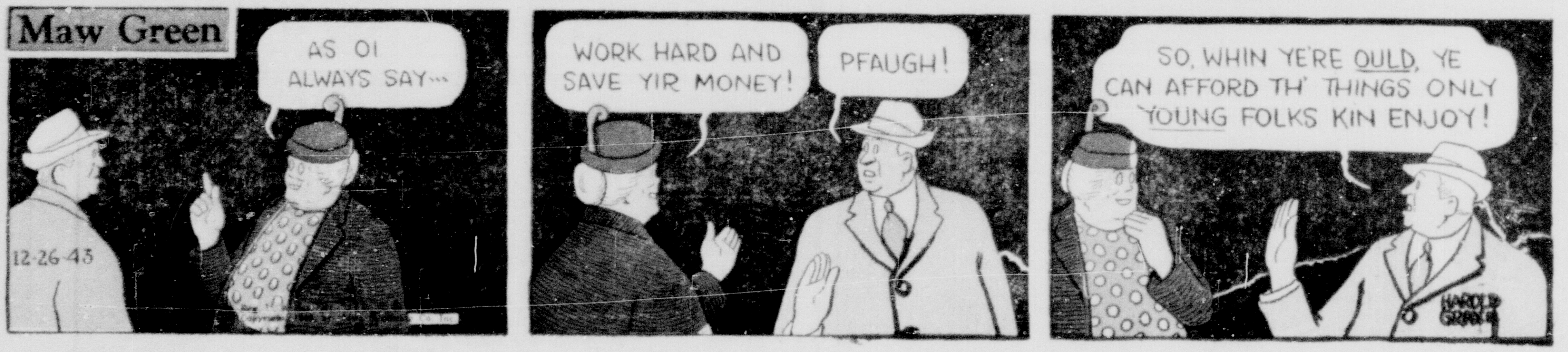
Maw Green
AS OI ALWAYS SAY--
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WORK HARD AND SAVE YIR MONEY!
PFAUGH!
SO, WHIN YE'RE OULD, YE CAN AFFORD TH' THINGS ONLY YOUNG FOLKS KIN ENJOY!
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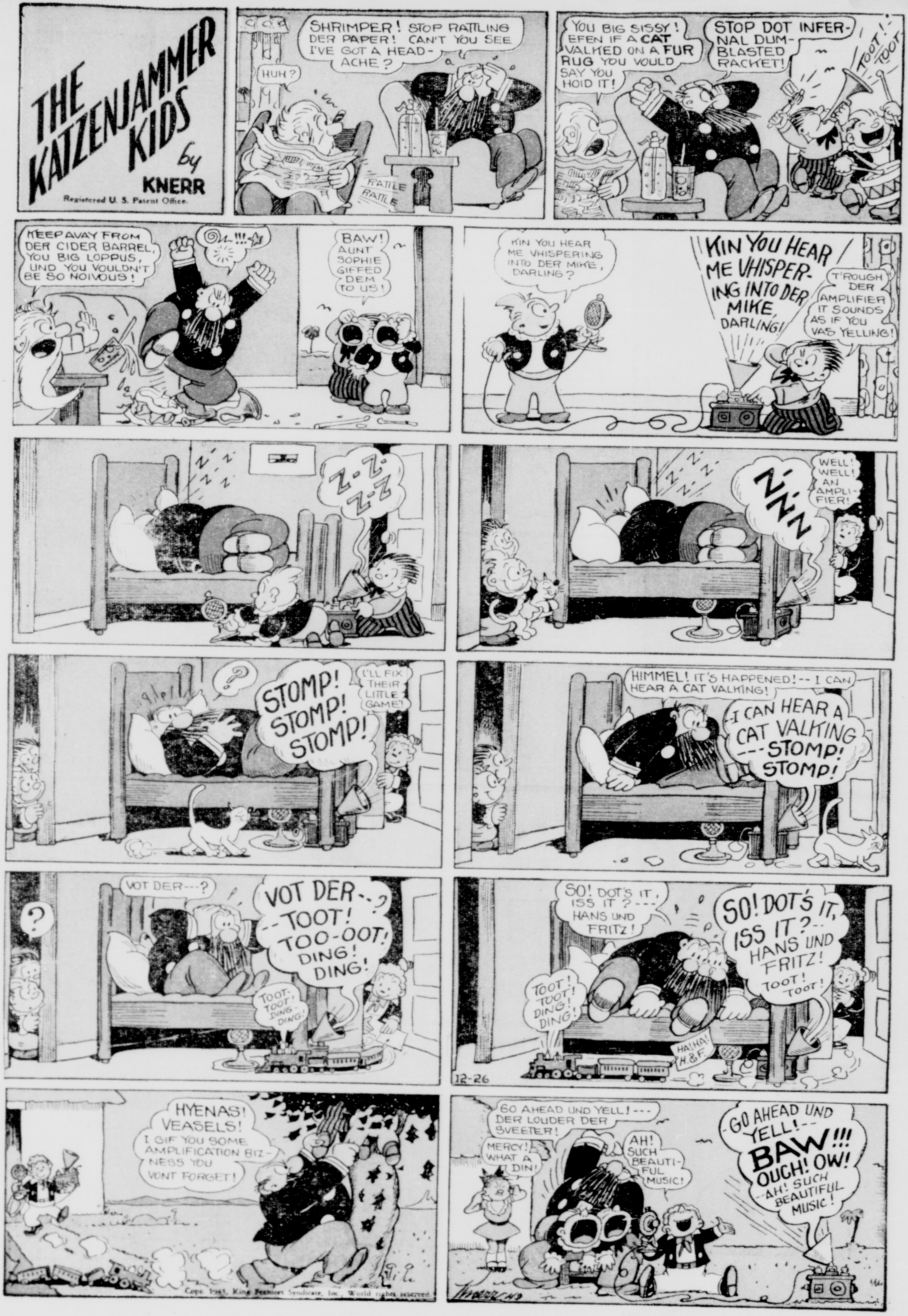# THE KATZENJAMMER KIDS

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SHRIMPER! STOP RATTLING DER PAPER! CAN'T YOU SEE I'VE GOT A HEAD-ACHE?
HUH?
RATTLE RATTLE
YOU BIG SISSY! EFEN IF A CAT VALKED ON A FUR RUG YOU VOULD SAY YOU HOID IT!
STOP DOT INFERNAL DUM-BLASTED RACKET!
TOOT! TOOT!
KEEP AVAY FROM DER CIDER BARREL, YOU BIG LOPPUS, UND YOU VOULDN'T BE SO NOIVOUS!
BAW! AUNT SOPHIE GIFFED DEM TO US!
KIN YOU HEAR ME VHISPERING INTO DER MIKE, DARLING?
KIN YOU HEAR ME VHISPERING INTO DER MIKE, DARLING!
T'ROUGH DER AMPLIFIER IT SOUNDS AS IF YOU VAS YELLING!
Z Z Z Z
Z-Z-Z-Z
Z-Z-Z
WELL! WELL! AN AMPLIFIER!
?
STOMP! STOMP! STOMP!
I'LL FIX THEIR LITTLE GAME!
HIMMEL! IT'S HAPPENED! -- I CAN HEAR A CAT VALKING!
I CAN HEAR A CAT VALKING --- STOMP! STOMP!
VOT DER---?
?
VOT DER--? --TOOT! TOO-OOT! DING! DING!
TOOT-TOOT! DING-DING!
SO! DOT'S IT, ISS IT?--- HANS UND FRITZ!
SO! DOT'S IT, ISS IT?-- HANS UND FRITZ! TOOT! TOOT!
TOOT! TOOT! DING! DING!
HA! HA! H.&F.
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HYENAS! VEASELS! I GIF YOU SOME AMPLIFICATION BIZ-NESS YOU VONT FORGET!
GO AHEAD UND YELL! --- DER LOUDER DER SVEETER!
MERCY! WHAT A DIN!
AH! SUCH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!
GO AHEAD UND YELL!-- BAW!!! OUCH! OW! --AH! SUCH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!
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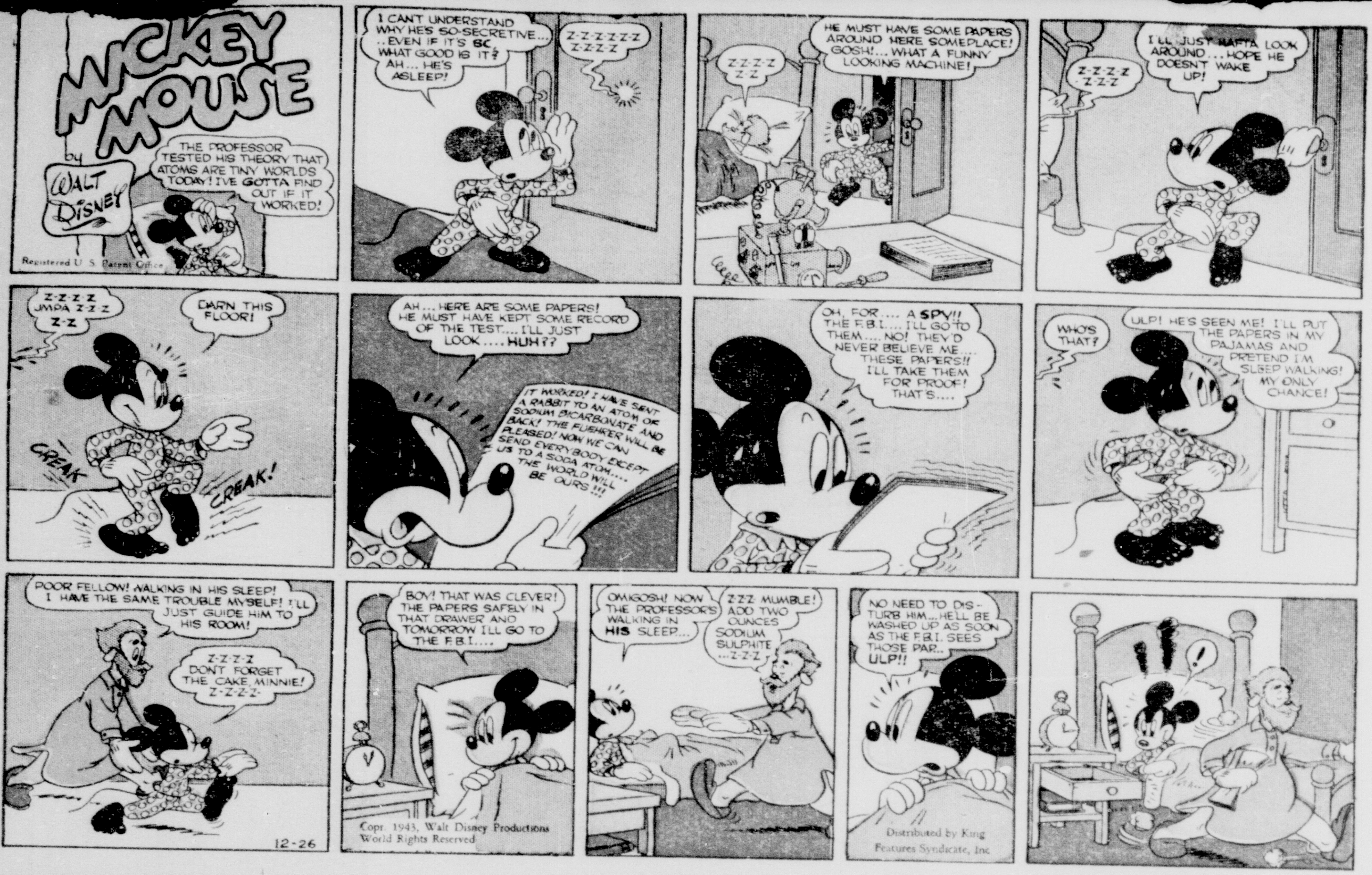
MICKEY MOUSE
by WALT DISNEY
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THE PROFESSOR TESTED HIS THEORY THAT ATOMS ARE TINY WORLDS TODAY! I'VE GOTTA FIND OUT IF IT WORKED!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S SO SECRETIVE... ..EVEN IF IT'S SO, WHAT GOOD IS IT? AH... HE'S ASLEEP!
Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z Z-Z-Z-Z
Z-Z-Z-Z Z-Z
HE MUST HAVE SOME PAPERS AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE! GOSH!... WHAT A FUNNY LOOKING MACHINE!
Z-Z-Z-Z Z-Z-Z
I'LL JUST HAFTA LOOK AROUND... HOPE HE DOESN'T WAKE UP!
Z-Z-Z-Z JMPA Z-Z-Z Z-Z
DARN THIS FLOOR!
CREAK
CREAK!
AH... HERE ARE SOME PAPERS! HE MUST HAVE KEPT SOME RECORD OF THE TEST.... I'LL JUST LOOK.... HUH??
IT WORKED! I HAVE SENT A RABBIT TO AN ATOM OF SODIUM BICARBONATE AND BACK! THE FUEHRER WILL BE PLEASED! NOW WE CAN SEND EVERYBODY EXCEPT US TO A SODA ATOM.... THE WORLD WILL BE OURS!!!
OH, FOR.... A SPY!! THE F.B.I.... I'LL GO TO THEM.... NO! THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE ME.... THESE PAPERS!! I'LL TAKE THEM FOR PROOF! THAT'S....
WHO'S THAT?
ULP! HE'S SEEN ME! I'LL PUT THE PAPERS IN MY PAJAMAS AND PRETEND I'M SLEEP WALKING! MY ONLY CHANCE!
POOR FELLOW! WALKING IN HIS SLEEP! I HAVE THE SAME TROUBLE MYSELF! I'LL JUST GUIDE HIM TO HIS ROOM!
Z-Z-Z-Z DON'T FORGET THE CAKE, MINNIE! Z-Z-Z-Z-
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BOY! THAT WAS CLEVER! THE PAPERS SAFELY IN THAT DRAWER AND TOMORROW I'LL GO TO THE F.B.I....
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OMIGOSH! NOW THE PROFESSOR'S WALKING IN HIS SLEEP....
Z-Z-Z- MUMBLE! ADD TWO OUNCES SODIUM SULPHITE ...Z-Z-Z
NO NEED TO DIS-TURB HIM... HE'LL BE WASHED UP AS SOON AS THE F.B.I. SEES THOSE PAP.. ULP!!
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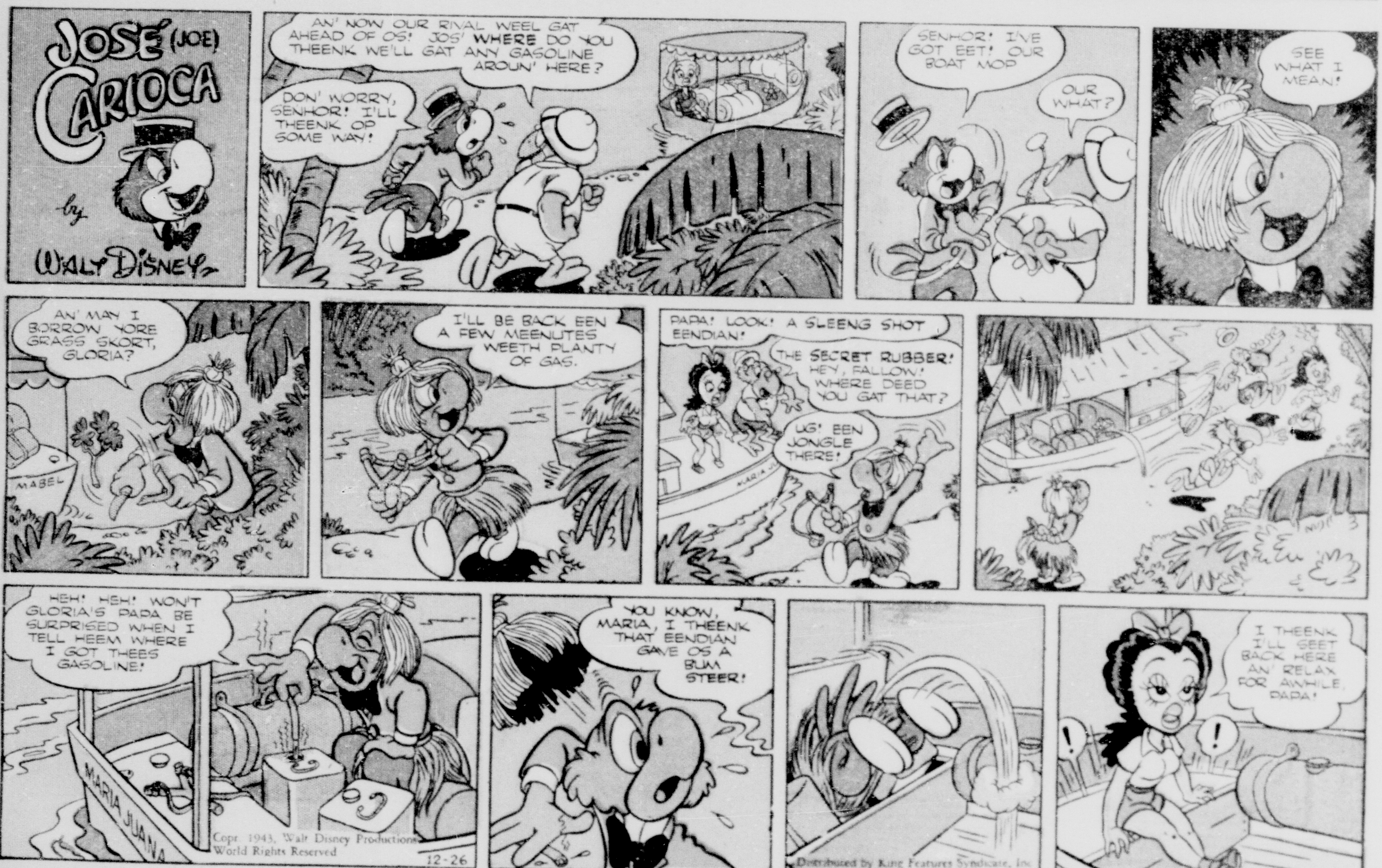
JOSÉ (JOE) CARIOCA
by WALT DISNEY
AN' NOW OUR RIVAL WEEL GAT AHEAD OF OS! JOS' WHERE DO YOU THEENK WE'LL GAT ANY GASOLINE AROUN' HERE?
DON' WORRY, SENHOR! I'LL THEENK OP SOME WAY!
SENHOR! I'VE GOT EET! OUR BOAT MOP
OUR WHAT?
SEE WHAT I MEAN!
AN' MAY I BORROW YORE GRASS SKORT, GLORIA?
MABEL
I'LL BE BACK EEN A FEW MEENUTES WEETH PLANTY OF GAS.
PAPA! LOOK! A SLEENG SHOT EENDIAN!
THE SECRET RUBBER! HEY, FALLOW! WHERE DEED YOU GAT THAT?
UG! EEN JONGLE THERE!
MARIA JUANA
HEH! HEH! WON'T GLORIA'S PAPA BE SURPRISED WHEN I TELL HEEM WHERE I GOT THEES GASOLINE!
MARIA JUANA
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YOU KNOW, MARIA, I THEENK THAT EENDIAN GAVE OS A BUM STEER!
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I THEENK I'LL SEET BACK HERE AN' RELAX FOR AWHILE, PAPA!
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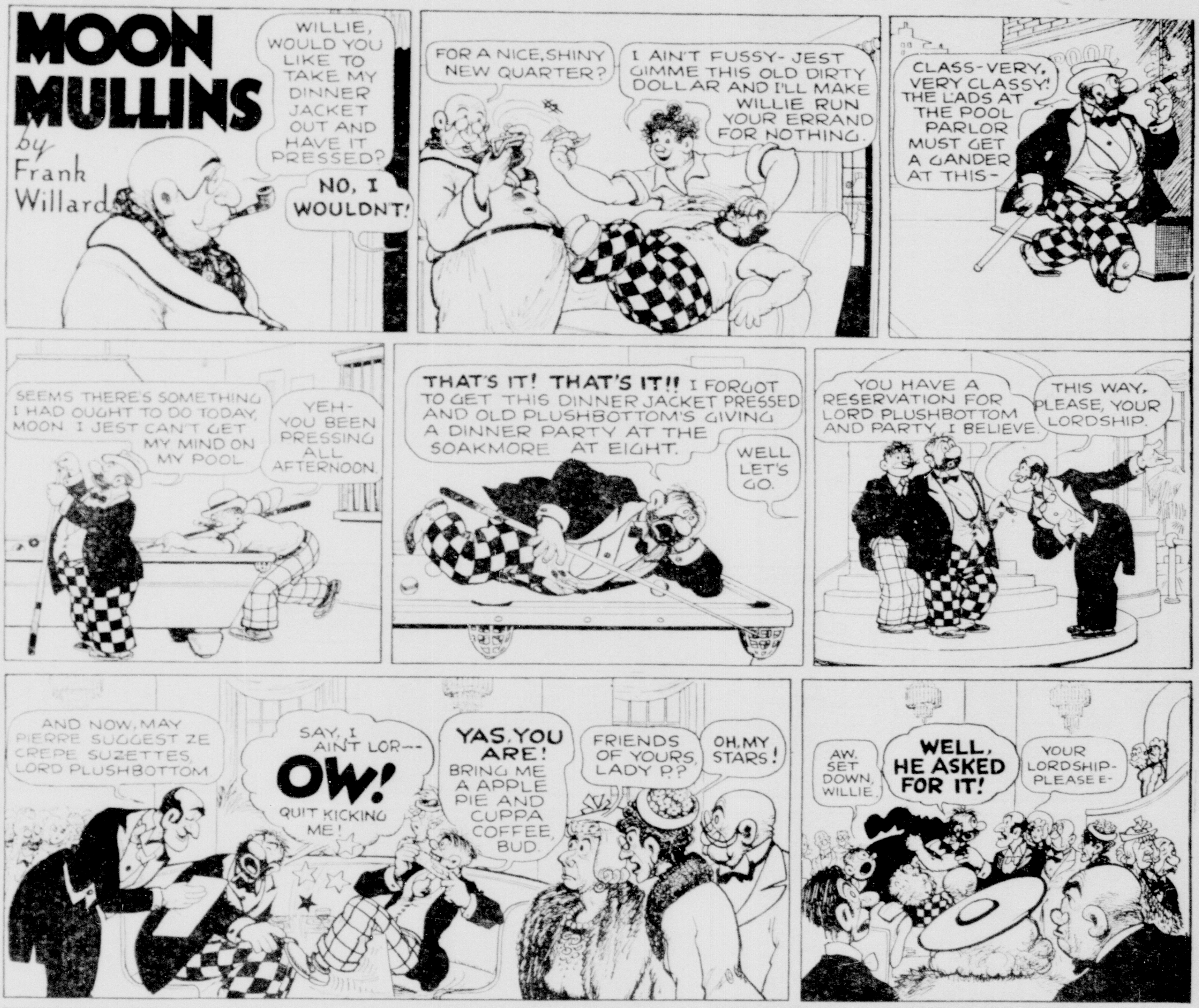
MOON MULLINS
by Frank Willard
WILLIE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE MY DINNER JACKET OUT AND HAVE IT PRESSED?
NO, I WOULDN'T!
FOR A NICE, SHINY NEW QUARTER?
I AIN'T FUSSY- JEST GIMME THIS OLD DIRTY DOLLAR AND I'LL MAKE WILLIE RUN YOUR ERRAND FOR NOTHING.
POOL
CLASS-VERY, VERY CLASSY! THE LADS AT THE POOL PARLOR MUST GET A GANDER AT THIS-
SEEMS THERE'S SOMETHING I HAD OUGHT TO DO TODAY, MOON. I JEST CAN'T GET MY MIND ON MY POOL.
YEH- YOU BEEN PRESSING ALL AFTERNOON.
THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT!! I FORGOT TO GET THIS DINNER JACKET PRESSED AND OLD PLUSHBOTTOM'S GIVING A DINNER PARTY AT THE SOAKMORE AT EIGHT.
WELL LET'S GO.
YOU HAVE A RESERVATION FOR LORD PLUSHBOTTOM AND PARTY, I BELIEVE.
THIS WAY, PLEASE, YOUR LORDSHIP.
AND NOW, MAY PIERRE SUGGEST ZE CREPE SUZETTES, LORD PLUSHBOTTOM
SAY, I AIN'T LOR--
OW! QUIT KICKING ME!
YAS, YOU ARE! BRING ME A APPLE PIE AND CUPPA COFFEE, BUD.
FRIENDS OF YOURS, LADY P.?
OH, MY STARS!
AW. SET DOWN, WILLIE.
WELL, HE ASKED FOR IT!
YOUR LORDSHIP- PLEASE E-
WHY NOT? IT IS LORD PLUSHBOTTOM'S DINNER JACKET AND I'VE DINED.
GET OUT!
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I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO KEEP THROWING HIM OUT.
THEN YOU COME OUT AND I'LL GIVE YOU A—
NO! DON'T GIVE THAT GUY A DIME, MOON. HE GETS PAID FOR THAT.
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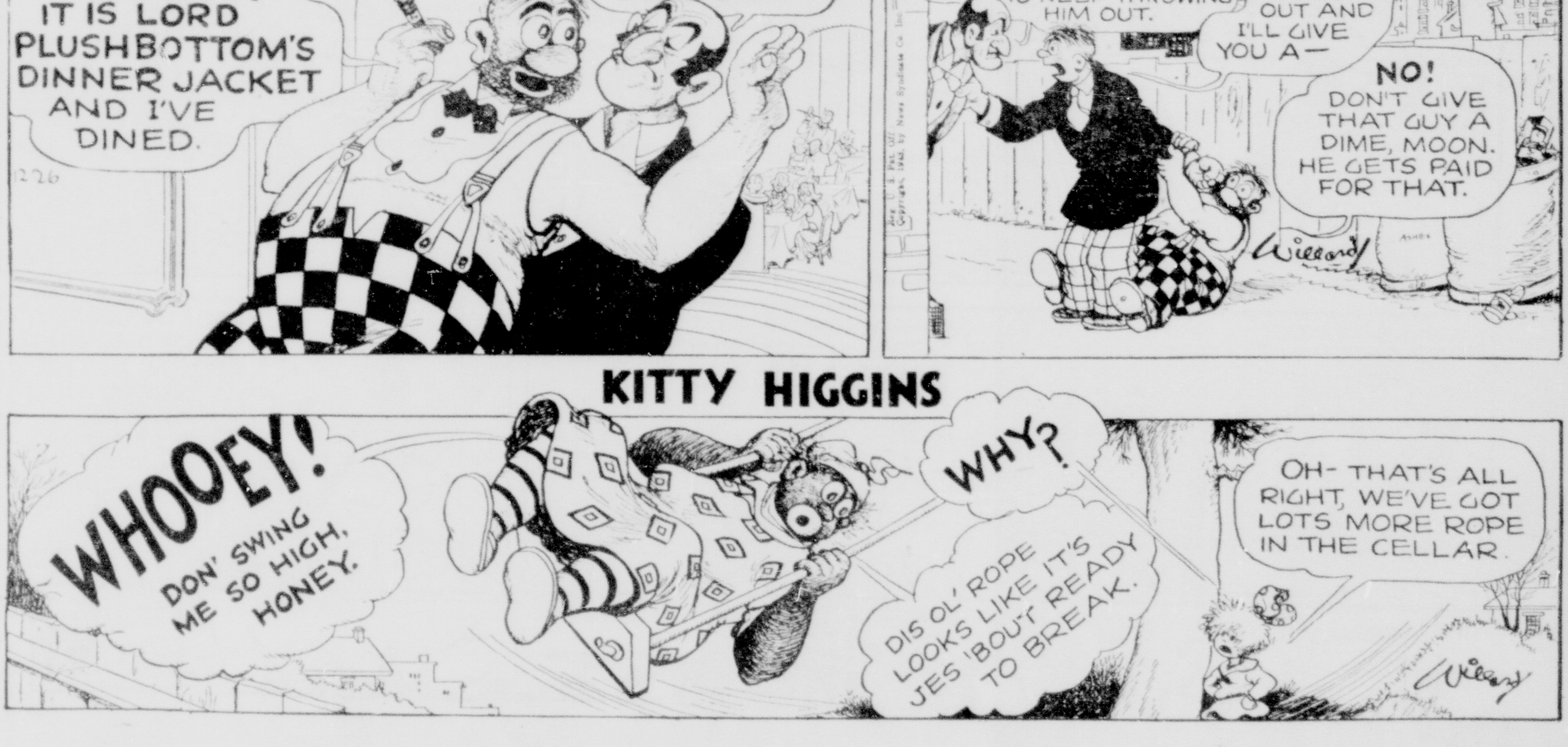
KITTY HIGGINS


WHOOEY! DON' SWING ME SO HIGH, HONEY.
WHY?
DIS OL' ROPE LOOKS LIKE IT'S JES 'BOUT READY TO BREAK.
OH- THAT'S ALL RIGHT, WE'VE GOT LOTS MORE ROPE IN THE CELLAR.
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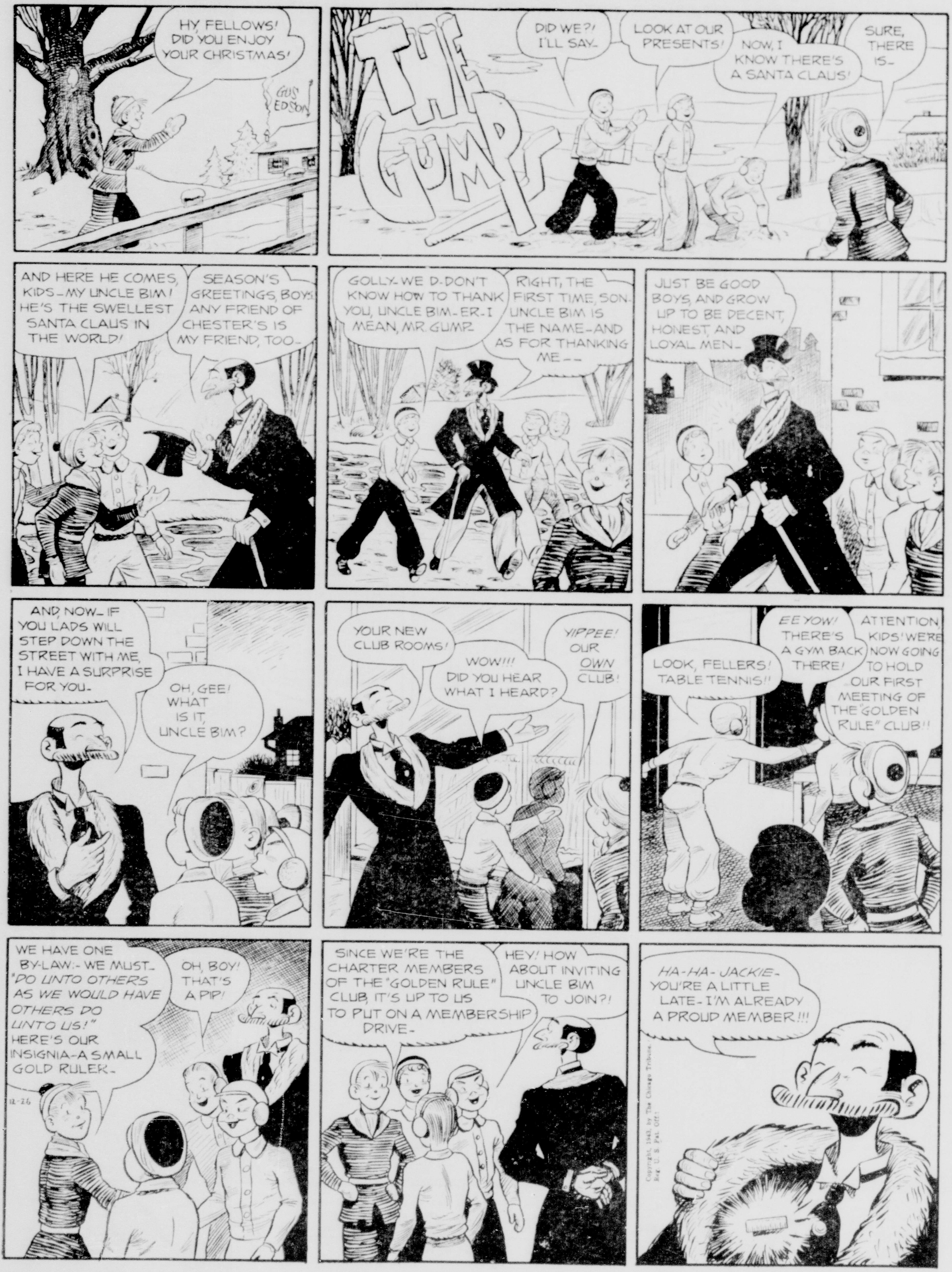
HY, FELLOWS! DID YOU ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS!
GUS EDSON
THE GUMPS
DID WE?! I'LL SAY-
LOOK AT OUR PRESENTS!
NOW, I KNOW THERE'S A SANTA CLAUS!
SURE, THERE IS-
AND HERE HE COMES, KIDS-MY UNCLE BIM! HE'S THE SWELLEST SANTA CLAUS IN THE WORLD!
SEASON'S GREETINGS, BOYS! ANY FRIEND OF CHESTER'S IS MY FRIEND, TOO-
GOLLY-WE D-DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, UNCLE BIM-ER-I MEAN, MR. GUMP-
RIGHT, THE FIRST TIME, SON-UNCLE BIM IS THE NAME-AND AS FOR THANKING ME--
JUST BE GOOD BOYS, AND GROW UP TO BE DECENT, HONEST, AND LOYAL MEN-
AND, NOW-IF YOU LADS WILL STEP DOWN THE STREET WITH ME, I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU-
OH, GEE! WHAT IS IT, UNCLE BIM?
YOUR NEW CLUB ROOMS!
WOW!!! DID YOU HEAR WHAT I HEARD?
YIPPEE! OUR OWN CLUB!
LOOK, FELLERS! TABLE TENNIS!!
EE YOW! THERE'S A GYM BACK THERE!
ATTENTION, KIDS! WE'RE NOW GOING TO HOLD OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE "GOLDEN RULE" CLUB!!
WE HAVE ONE BY-LAW:- WE MUST- "DO UNTO OTHERS AS WE WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO US!" HERE'S OUR INSIGNIA-A SMALL GOLD RULER-
OH, BOY! THAT'S A PIP!
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SINCE WE'RE THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE "GOLDEN RULE" CLUB, IT'S UP TO US TO PUT ON A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE-
HEY! HOW ABOUT INVITING UNCLE BIM TO JOIN?!
HA-HA-JACKIE-YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE-I'M ALREADY A PROUD MEMBER!!!

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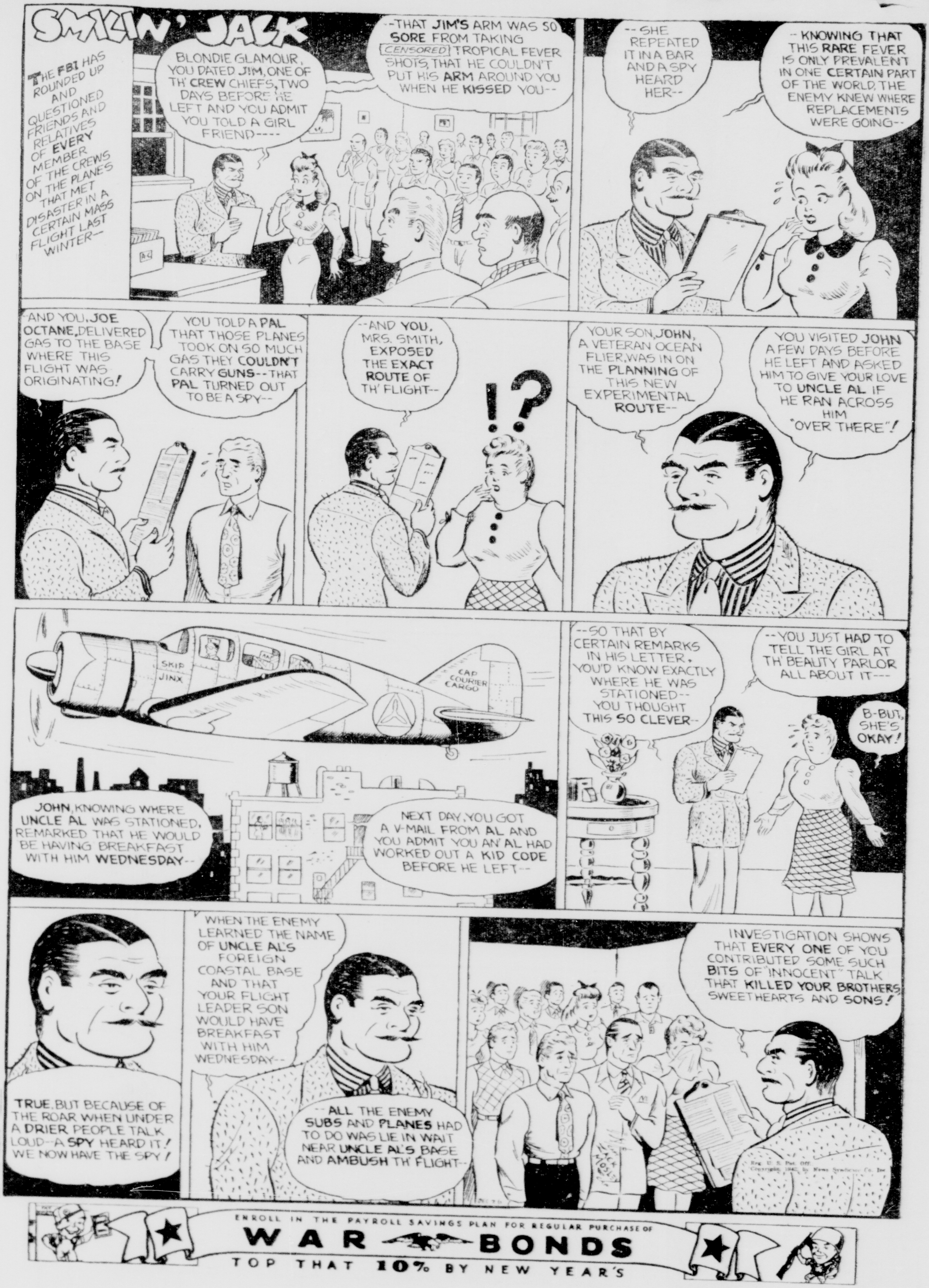
SMILIN' JACK
THE FBI HAS ROUNDED UP AND QUESTIONED FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE CREWS ON THE PLANES THAT MET DISASTER IN A CERTAIN MASS FLIGHT LAST WINTER--
BLONDIE GLAMOUR, YOU DATED JIM, ONE OF TH' CREW CHIEFS, TWO DAYS BEFORE HE LEFT AND YOU ADMIT YOU TOLD A GIRL FRIEND----
--THAT JIM'S ARM WAS SO SORE FROM TAKING CENSORED TROPICAL FEVER SHOTS, THAT HE COULDN'T PUT HIS ARM AROUND YOU WHEN HE KISSED YOU--
--SHE REPEATED IT IN A BAR AND A SPY HEARD HER--
--KNOWING THAT THIS RARE FEVER IS ONLY PREVALENT IN ONE CERTAIN PART OF THE WORLD, THE ENEMY KNEW WHERE REPLACEMENTS WERE GOING--
--AND YOU, JOE OCTANE, DELIVERED GAS TO THE BASE WHERE THIS FLIGHT WAS ORIGINATING!
YOU TOLD A PAL THAT THOSE PLANES TOOK ON SO MUCH GAS THEY COULDN'T CARRY GUNS--THAT PAL TURNED OUT TO BE A SPY--
--AND YOU, MRS. SMITH, EXPOSED THE EXACT ROUTE OF TH' FLIGHT--
!?
YOUR SON, JOHN, A VETERAN OCEAN FLIER, WAS IN ON THE PLANNING OF THIS NEW EXPERIMENTAL ROUTE--
YOU VISITED JOHN A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE LEFT AND ASKED HIM TO GIVE YOUR LOVE TO UNCLE AL IF HE RAN ACROSS HIM "OVER THERE"!
SKIP
JINX
CAP COURIER CARGO
JOHN, KNOWING WHERE UNCLE AL WAS STATIONED, REMARKED THAT HE WOULD BE HAVING BREAKFAST WITH HIM WEDNESDAY--
NEXT DAY, YOU GOT A V-MAIL FROM AL AND YOU ADMIT YOU AN' AL HAD WORKED OUT A KID CODE BEFORE HE LEFT--
--SO THAT BY CERTAIN REMARKS IN HIS LETTER, YOU'D KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS STATIONED--YOU THOUGHT THIS SO CLEVER--
--YOU JUST HAD TO TELL THE GIRL AT TH' BEAUTY PARLOR ALL ABOUT IT---
B-BUT, SHE'S OKAY!
TRUE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE ROAR WHEN UNDER A DRIER PEOPLE TALK LOUD--A SPY HEARD IT! WE NOW HAVE THE SPY!
WHEN THE ENEMY LEARNED THE NAME OF UNCLE AL'S FOREIGN COASTAL BASE AND THAT YOUR FLIGHT LEADER SON WOULD HAVE BREAKFAST WITH HIM WEDNESDAY--
--ALL THE ENEMY SUBS AND PLANES HAD TO DO WAS LIE IN WAIT NEAR UNCLE AL'S BASE AND AMBUSH TH' FLIGHT--
INVESTIGATION SHOWS THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU CONTRIBUTED SOME SUCH BITS OF "INNOCENT" TALK THAT KILLED YOUR BROTHERS, SWEETHEARTS AND SONS!
ZACK MOSLEY

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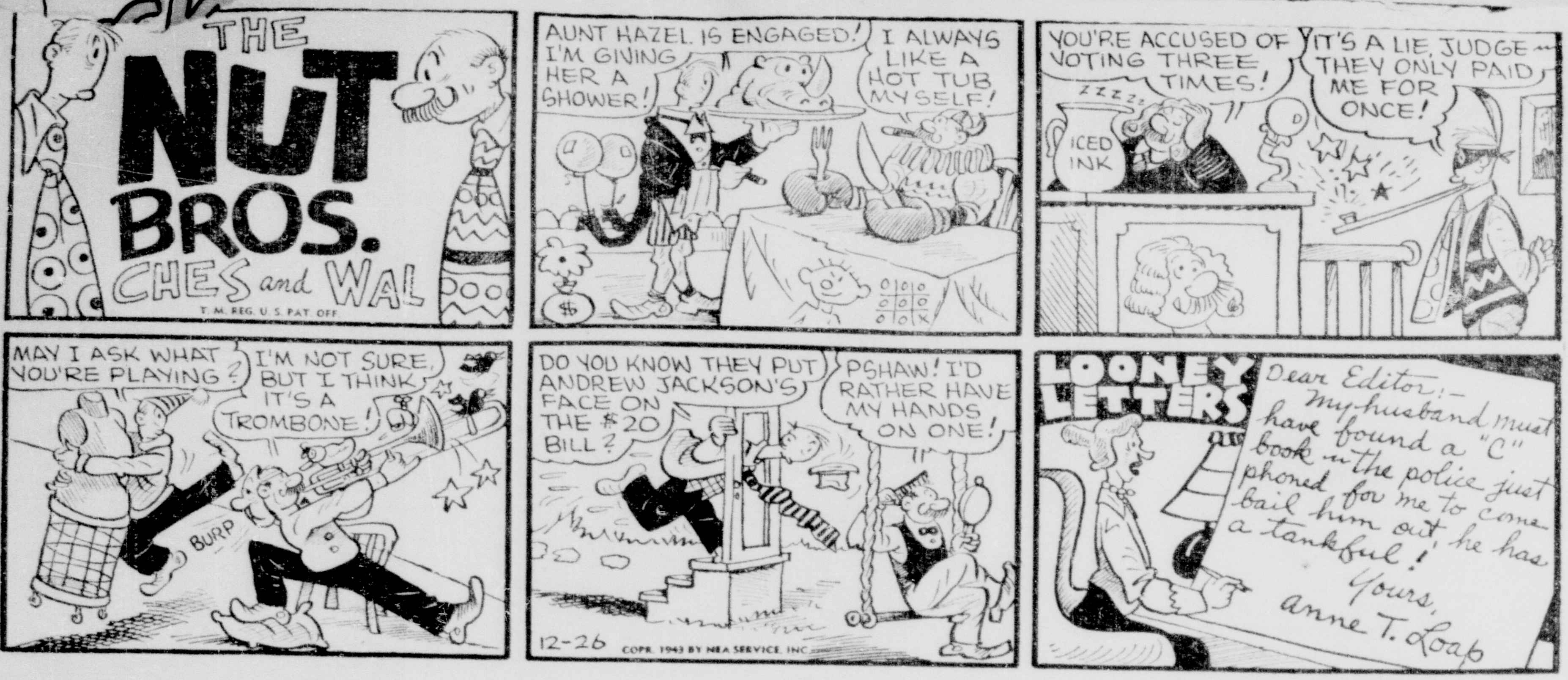
ENROLL IN THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN FOR REGULAR PURCHASE OF
WAR BONDS
TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEAR'S


THE NUT BROS.
CHES and WAL
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
AUNT HAZEL IS ENGAGED! I'M GIVING HER A SHOWER!
I ALWAYS LIKE A HOT TUB MYSELF!
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YOU'RE ACCUSED OF VOTING THREE TIMES!
ZZZZ
ICED INK
IT'S A LIE, JUDGE — THEY ONLY PAID ME FOR ONCE!
MAY I ASK WHAT YOU'RE PLAYING?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT I THINK IT'S A TROMBONE!
BURP
DO YOU KNOW THEY PUT ANDREW JACKSON'S FACE ON THE $20 BILL?
PSHAW! I'D RATHER HAVE MY HANDS ON ONE!
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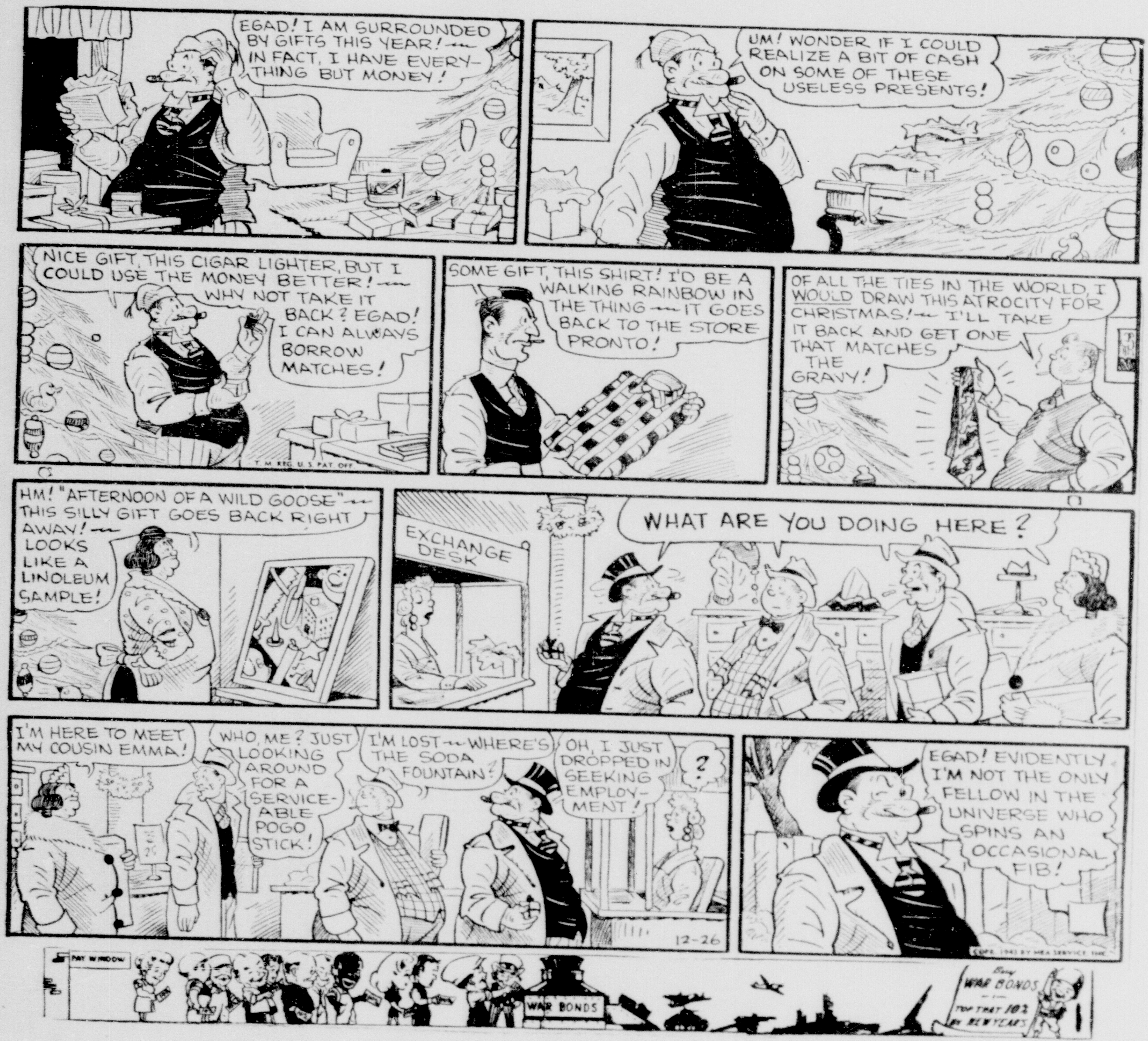
LOONEY LETTERS
Dear Editor:— My husband must have found a "C" book — the police just phoned for me to come bail him out — he has a tankful! Yours, Anne T. Loap


EGAD! I AM SURROUNDED BY GIFTS THIS YEAR! — IN FACT, I HAVE EVERYTHING BUT MONEY!
UM! WONDER IF I COULD REALIZE A BIT OF CASH ON SOME OF THESE USELESS PRESENTS!
NICE GIFT, THIS CIGAR LIGHTER, BUT I COULD USE THE MONEY BETTER! — WHY NOT TAKE IT BACK? EGAD! I CAN ALWAYS BORROW MATCHES!
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
SOME GIFT, THIS SHIRT! I'D BE A WALKING RAINBOW IN THE THING — IT GOES BACK TO THE STORE PRONTO!
OF ALL THE TIES IN THE WORLD, I WOULD DRAW THIS ATROCITY FOR CHRISTMAS! — I'LL TAKE IT BACK AND GET ONE THAT MATCHES THE GRAVY!
HM! "AFTERNOON OF A WILD GOOSE" — THIS SILLY GIFT GOES BACK RIGHT AWAY! — LOOKS LIKE A LINOLEUM SAMPLE!
EXCHANGE DESK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M HERE TO MEET MY COUSIN EMMA!
WHO, ME? JUST LOOKING AROUND FOR A SERVICEABLE POGO STICK!
I'M LOST — WHERE'S THE SODA FOUNTAIN?
OH, I JUST DROPPED IN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT!
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EGAD! EVIDENTLY I'M NOT THE ONLY FELLOW IN THE UNIVERSE WHO SPINS AN OCCASIONAL FIB!
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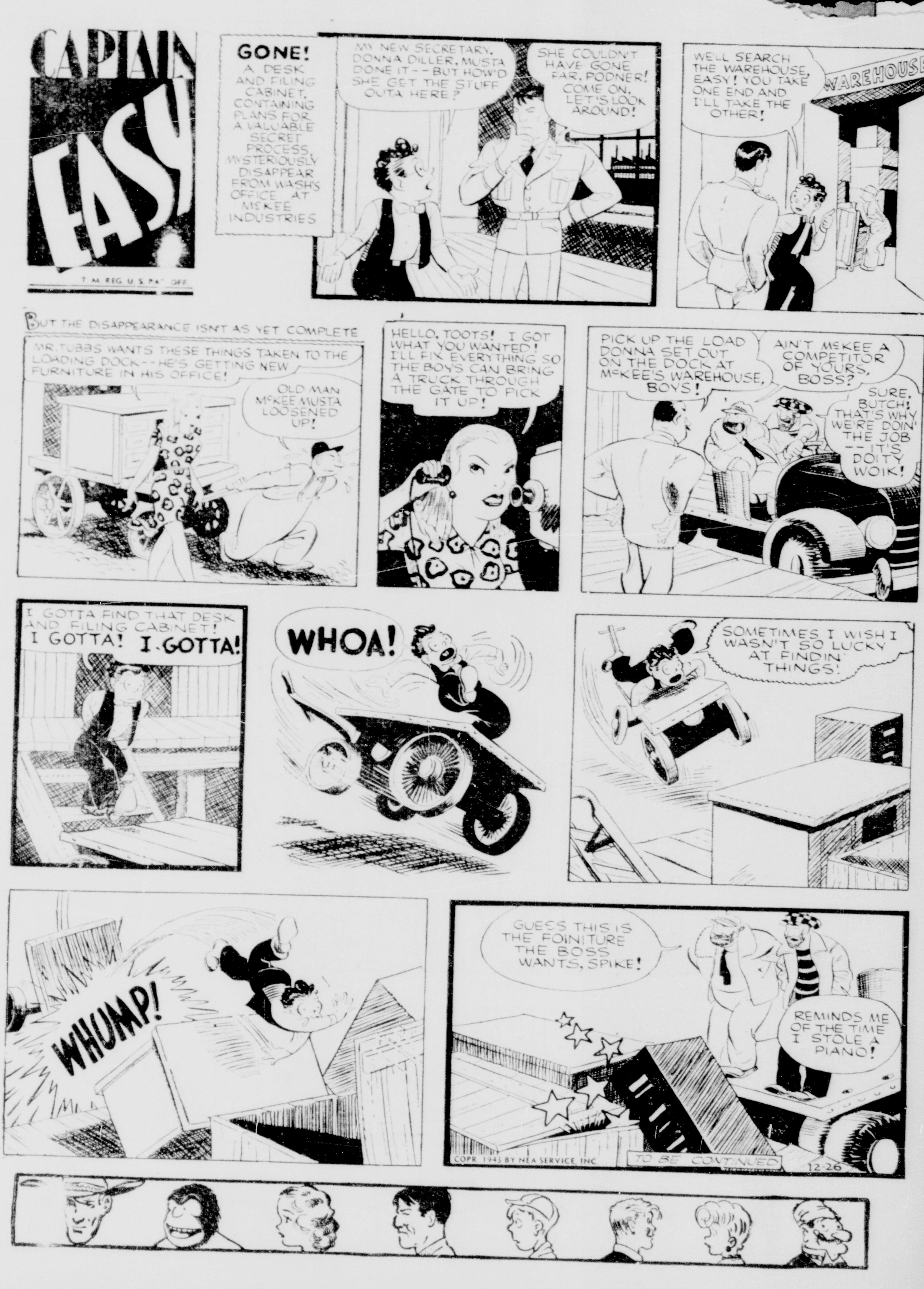
PAY WINDOW
WAR BONDS
Buy WAR BONDS — TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEAR'S


CAPTAIN EASY
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
GONE! A DESK AND FILING CABINET, CONTAINING PLANS FOR A VALUABLE SECRET PROCESS, MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEAR FROM WASH'S OFFICE AT McKEE INDUSTRIES
MY NEW SECRETARY, DONNA DILLER, MUSTA DONE IT-- BUT HOW'D SHE GET THE STUFF OUTA HERE?
SHE COULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR, PODNER! COME ON, LET'S LOOK AROUND!
WE'LL SEARCH THE WAREHOUSE, EASY! YOU TAKE ONE END AND I'LL TAKE THE OTHER!
WAREHOUSE
BUT THE DISAPPEARANCE ISN'T AS YET COMPLETE
MR. TUBBS WANTS THESE THINGS TAKEN TO THE LOADING DOCK--HE'S GETTING NEW FURNITURE IN HIS OFFICE!
OLD MAN McKEE MUSTA LOOSENED UP!
HELLO, TOOTS! I GOT WHAT YOU WANTED! I'LL FIX EVERYTHING SO THE BOYS CAN BRING A TRUCK THROUGH THE GATE TO PICK IT UP!
PICK UP THE LOAD DONNA SET OUT ON THE DOCK AT McKEE'S WAREHOUSE, BOYS!
AIN'T McKEE A COMPETITOR OF YOURS, BOSS?
SURE, BUTCH! THAT'S WHY WE'RE DOIN' THE JOB --IT'S DOITY WOIK!
I GOTTA FIND THAT DESK AND FILING CABINET! I GOTTA! I GOTTA!
WHOA!
SOMETIMES I WISH I WASN'T SO LUCKY AT FINDIN' THINGS!
WHUMP!
GUESS THIS IS THE FOINITURE THE BOSS WANTS, SPIKE!
REMINDS ME OF THE TIME I STOLE A PIANO!
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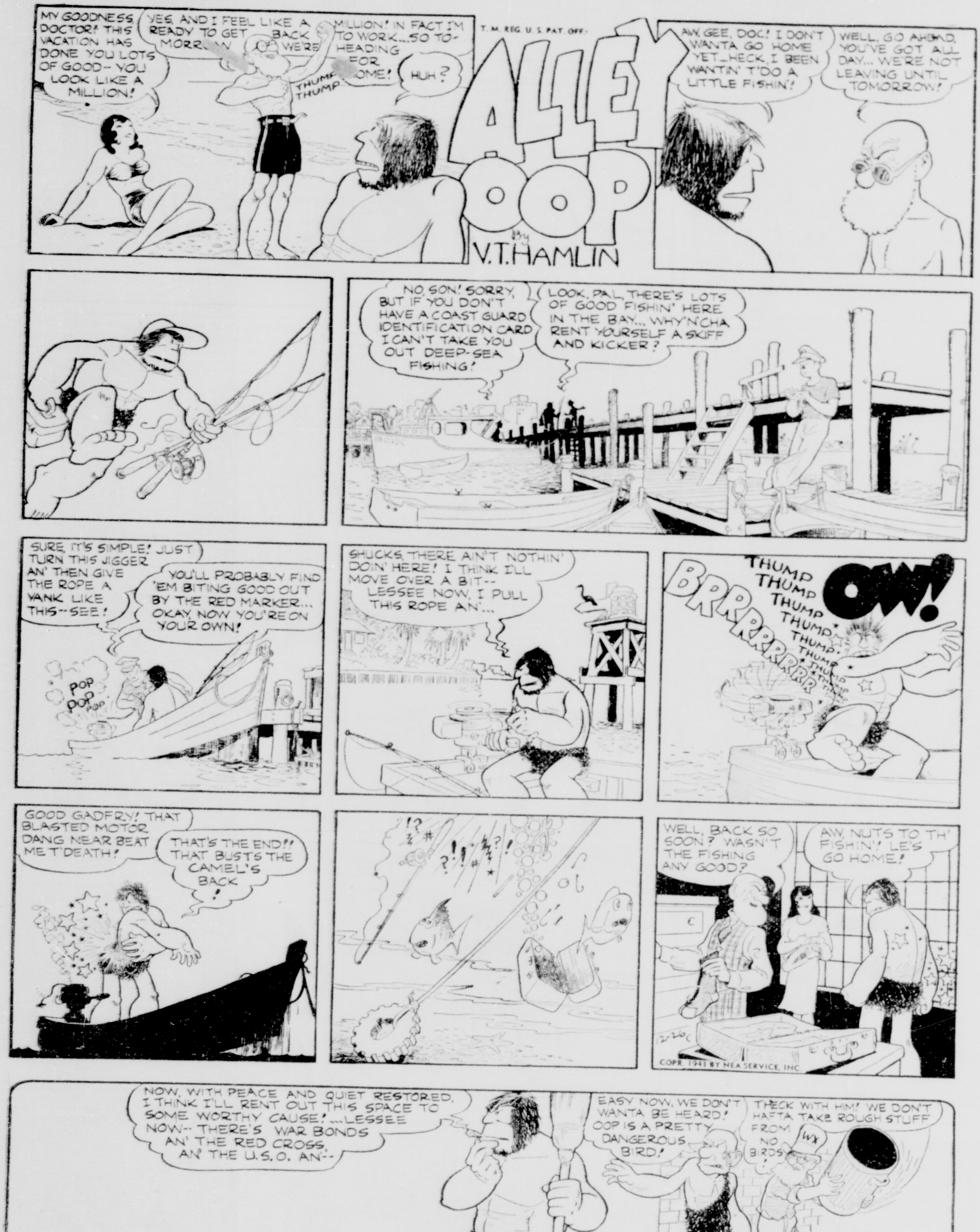
MY GOODNESS, DOCTOR! THIS VACATION HAS DONE YOU LOTS OF GOOD-- YOU LOOK LIKE A MILLION!
YES, AND I FEEL LIKE A MILLION! IN FACT I'M READY TO GET BACK TO WORK...SO TO-MORROW WE'RE HEADING FOR HOME!
THUMP THUMP
HUH?
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
ALLEY OOP
By V.T.HAMLIN
AW, GEE, DOC! I DON'T WANTA GO HOME YET...HECK, I BEEN WANTIN' T'DO A LITTLE FISHIN'!
WELL, GO AHEAD, YOU'VE GOT ALL DAY... WE'RE NOT LEAVING UNTIL TOMORROW!
NO, SON! SORRY, BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COAST GUARD IDENTIFICATION CARD I CAN'T TAKE YOU OUT DEEP-SEA FISHING!
LOOK, PAL, THERE'S LOTS OF GOOD FISHIN' HERE IN THE BAY... WHY'N'CHA RENT YOURSELF A SKIFF AND KICKER?
SURE, IT'S SIMPLE! JUST TURN THIS JIGGER AN' THEN GIVE THE ROPE A YANK LIKE THIS--SEE!
YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND 'EM BITING GOOD OUT BY THE RED MARKER... OKAY, NOW YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!
POP POP POP
SHUCKS, THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' DOIN' HERE! I THINK I'LL MOVE OVER A BIT-- LESSEE NOW, I PULL THIS ROPE AN'...
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
BRRRRRRRRR
OW!
GOOD GADFRY! THAT BLASTED MOTOR DANG NEAR BEAT ME T'DEATH!
THAT'S THE END!! THAT BUSTS THE CAMEL'S BACK!
!? # ?!! # ?!
WELL, BACK SO SOON? WASN'T THE FISHING ANY GOOD?
AW, NUTS TO TH' FISHIN'! LE'S GO HOME!
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NOW, WITH PEACE AND QUIET RESTORED, I THINK I'LL RENT OUT THIS SPACE TO SOME WORTHY CAUSE! ...LESSEE NOW-- THERE'S WAR BONDS AN' THE RED CROSS AN' THE U.S.O. AN'--
EASY NOW, WE DON'T WANTA BE HEARD! OOP IS A PRETTY DANGEROUS BIRD!
THECK WITH HIM! WE DON'T HAFTA TAKE ROUGH STUFF FROM NO BIRDS!
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JOE PALOOKA

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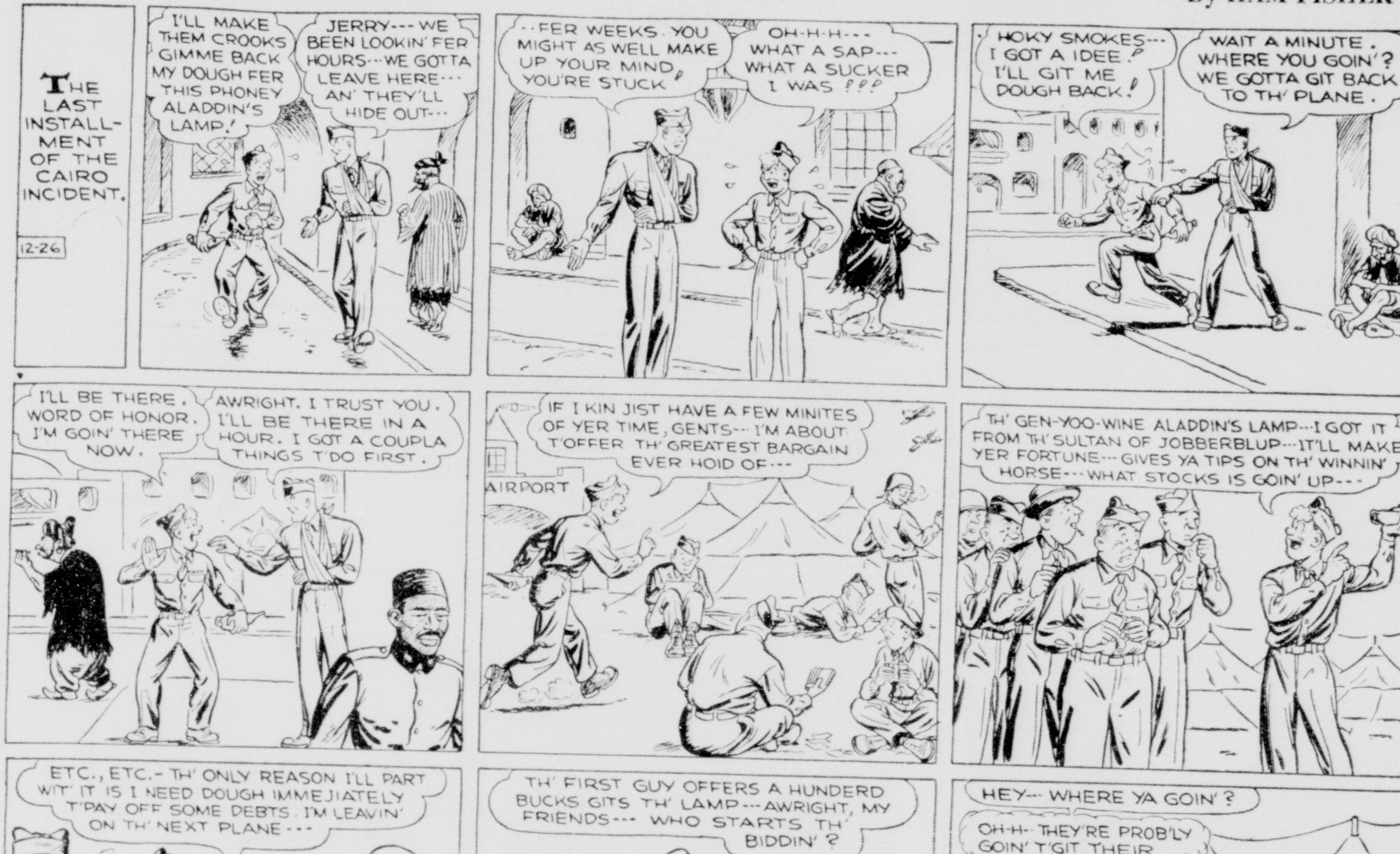
THE LAST INSTALLMENT OF THE CAIRO INCIDENT.
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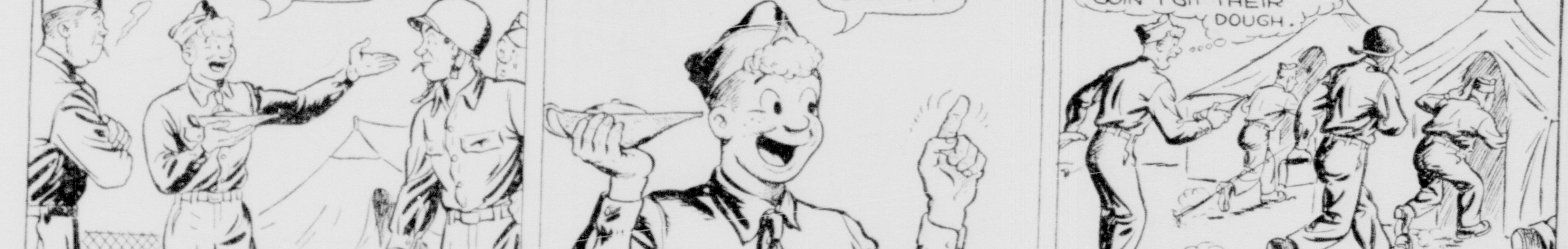
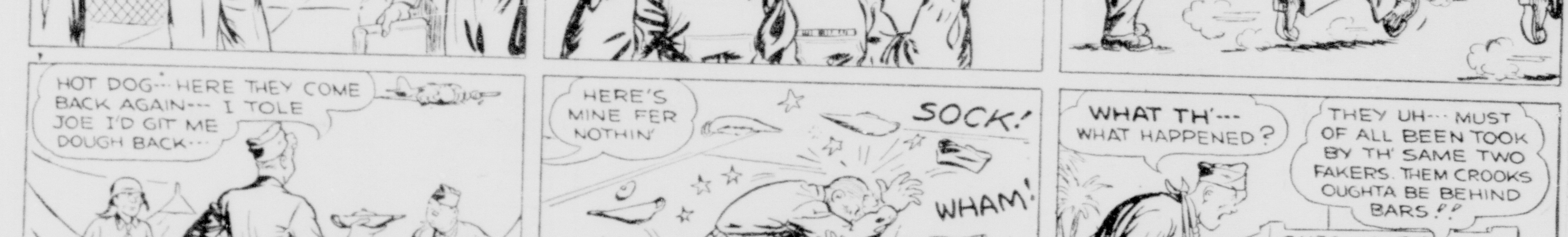
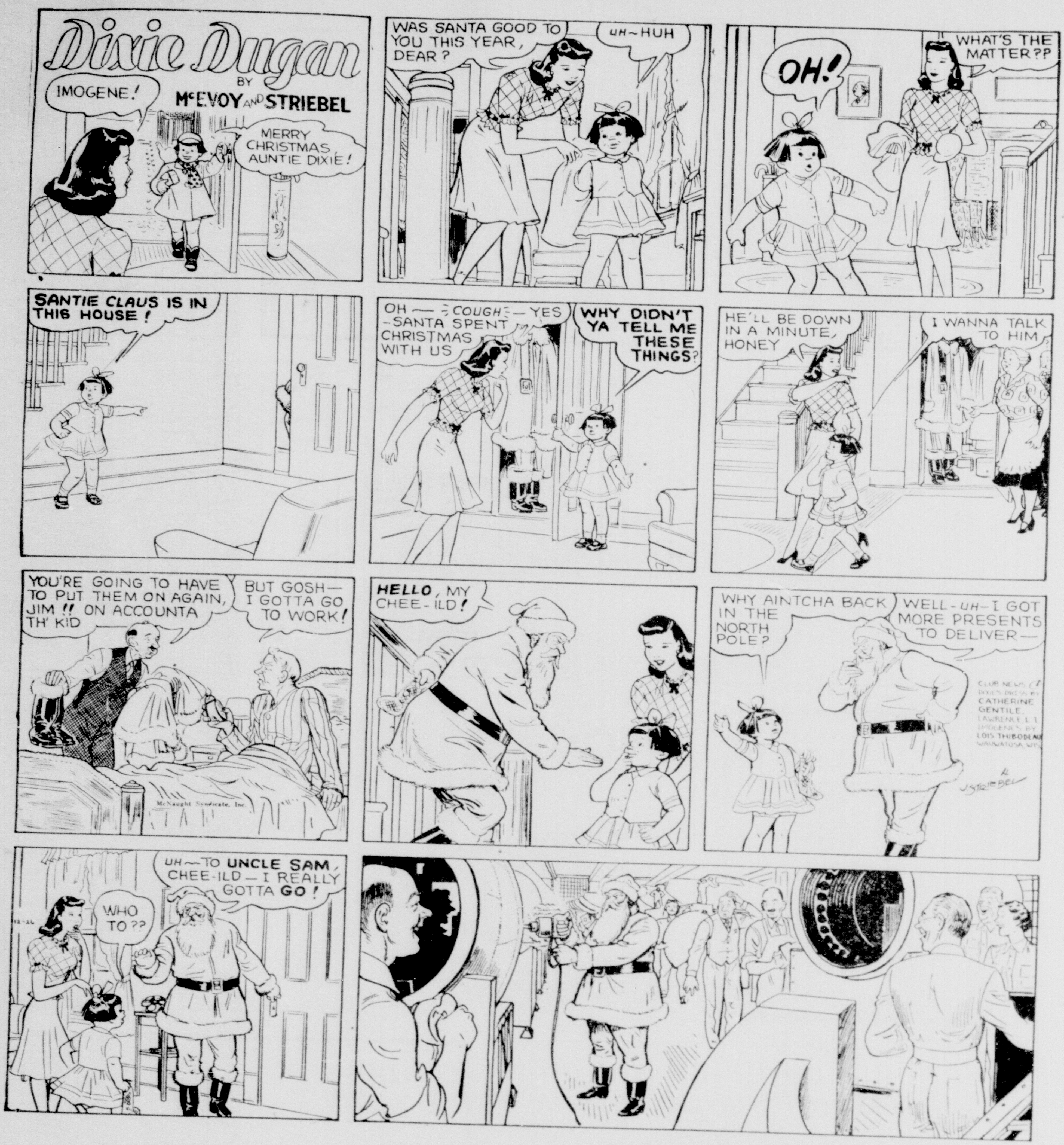
I'LL MAKE THEM CROOKS GIMME BACK MY DOUGH FER THIS PHONEY ALADDIN'S LAMP!
JERRY--- WE BEEN LOOKIN' FER HOURS--- WE GOTTA LEAVE HERE--- AN' THEY'LL HIDE OUT---
--FER WEEKS. YOU MIGHT AS WELL MAKE UP YOUR MIND, YOU'RE STUCK.
OH-H-H--- WHAT A SAP--- WHAT A SUCKER I WAS ???
HOKY SMOKES--- I GOT A IDEE.! I'LL GIT ME DOUGH BACK!
WAIT A MINUTE. WHERE YOU GOIN'? WE GOTTA GIT BACK TO TH' PLANE.
I'LL BE THERE. WORD OF HONOR. I'M GOIN' THERE NOW.
AWRIGHT. I TRUST YOU. I'LL BE THERE IN A HOUR. I GOT A COUPLA THINGS T'DO FIRST.
IF I KIN JIST HAVE A FEW MINITES OF YER TIME, GENTS--- I'M ABOUT T'OFFER TH' GREATEST BARGAIN EVER HOID OF---
AIRPORT
TH' GEN-YOO-WINE ALADDIN'S LAMP---I GOT IT FROM TH' SULTAN OF JOBBERBLUP---IT'LL MAKE YER FORTUNE--- GIVES YA TIPS ON TH' WINNIN' HORSE--- WHAT STOCKS IS GOIN' UP---
ETC., ETC.- TH' ONLY REASON I'LL PART WIT' IT IS I NEED DOUGH IMMEJIATELY T'PAY OFF SOME DEBTS. I'M LEAVIN' ON TH' NEXT PLANE---
TH' FIRST GUY OFFERS A HUNDERD BUCKS GITS TH' LAMP---AWRIGHT, MY FRIENDS--- WHO STARTS TH' BIDDIN'?
HEY--- WHERE YA GOIN'?
OH-H- THEY'RE PROB'LY GOIN' T'GIT THEIR DOUGH.
HOT DOG--- HERE THEY COME BACK AGAIN--- I TOLE JOE I'D GIT ME DOUGH BACK---
HERE'S MINE FER NOTHIN'
SOCK!
WHAM!
WHAT TH'--- WHAT HAPPENED?
THEY UH--- MUST OF ALL BEEN TOOK BY TH' SAME TWO FAKERS. THEM CROOKS OUGHTA BE BEHIND BARS!!
CAIRO AIRPORT
MERRY XMAS HAM FISHER


FISHER'S WARTIME WHOPPERS
UH--'SCUSE ME---
GHQ
WONDERFUL!
SEE--HERE'S WHAT TH' STRAGETY SHOULD BE--KETCH ON?
BRILLIANT!
PLEASE GO ON.




Dixie Dugan
BY McEVOY AND STRIEBEL
IMOGENE!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AUNTIE DIXIE!
WAS SANTA GOOD TO YOU THIS YEAR, DEAR?
UH~HUH
OH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER??
SANTIE CLAUS IS IN THIS HOUSE!
OH — COUGH — YES —SANTA SPENT CHRISTMAS WITH US
WHY DIDN'T YA TELL ME THESE THINGS?
HE'LL BE DOWN IN A MINUTE, HONEY
I WANNA TALK TO HIM
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT THEM ON AGAIN, JIM!! ON ACCOUNTA TH' KID
BUT GOSH— I GOTTA GO TO WORK!
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HELLO, MY CHEE-ILD!
WHY AINTCHA BACK IN THE NORTH POLE?
WELL-UH-I GOT MORE PRESENTS TO DELIVER—
CLUB NEWS — DIXIE'S DRESS BY CATHERINE GENTILE, LAWRENCE, L.I. IMOGENE'S BY LOIS THIBODEA WAUWATOSA, WIS.
J. STRIEBEL
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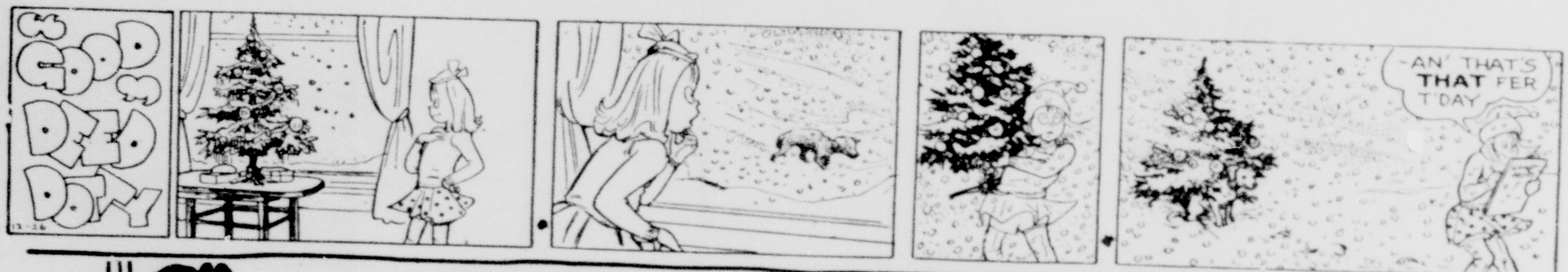
WHO TO??
UH—TO UNCLE SAM, CHEE-ILD—I REALLY GOTTA GO!


"GOOD DEED DOTTY"
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—AN' THAT'S THAT FER T'DAY

FLASH GORDON

BY
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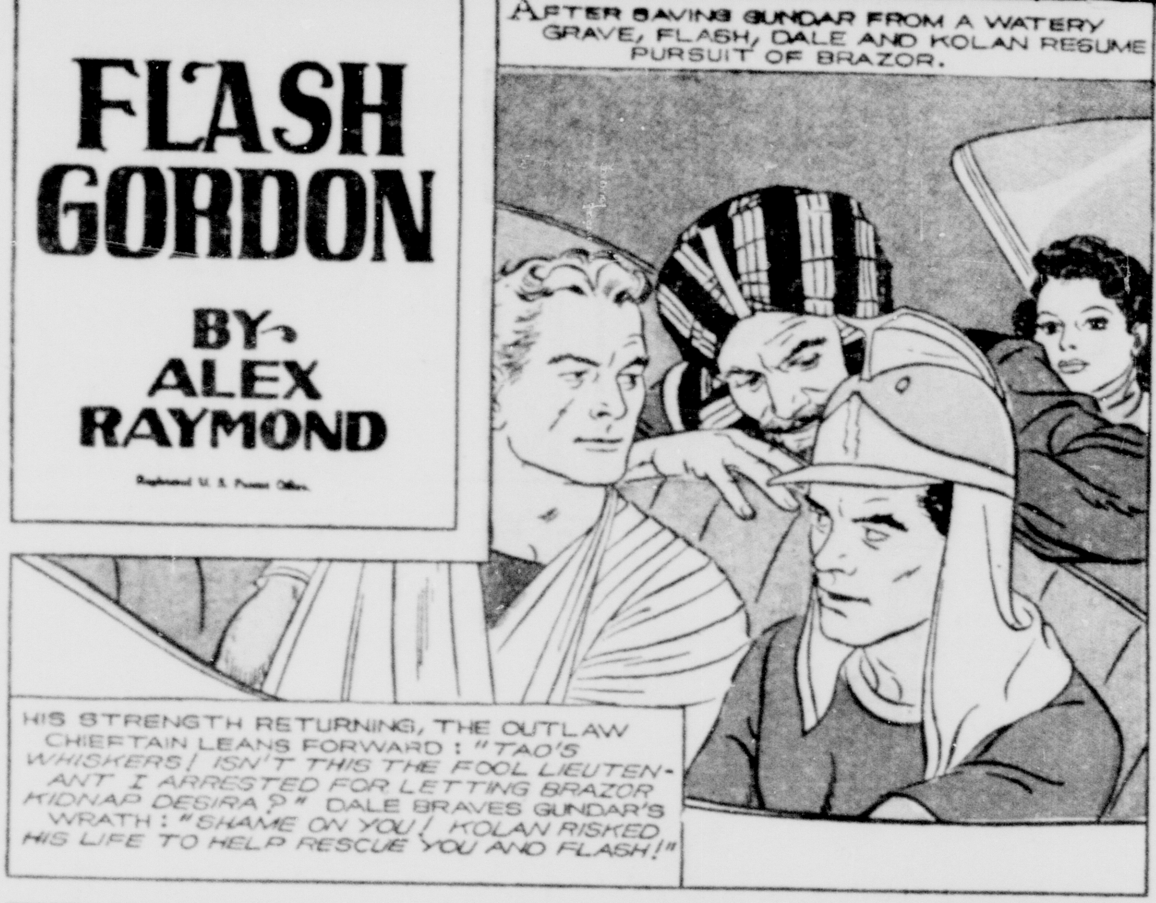
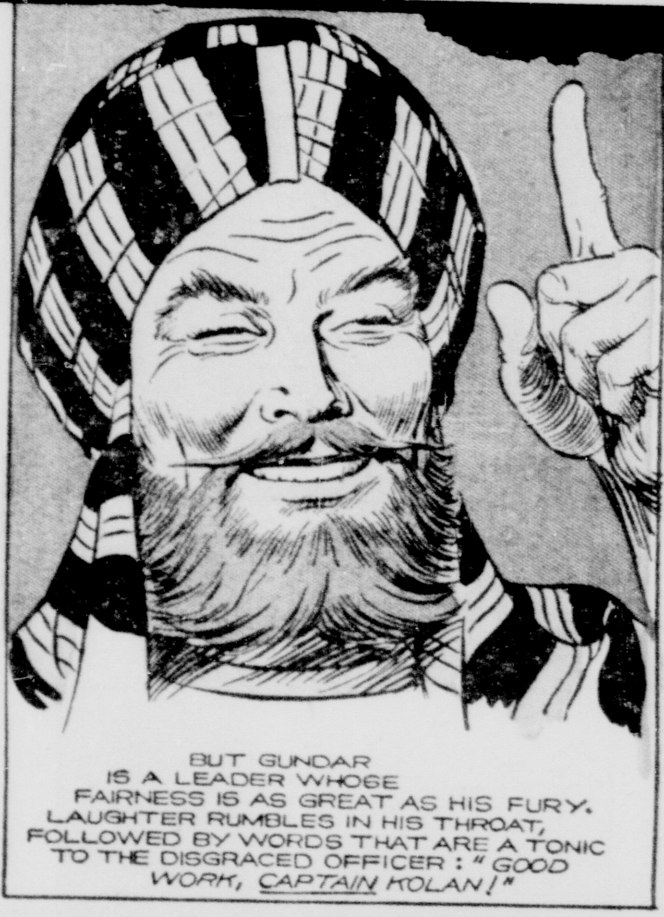
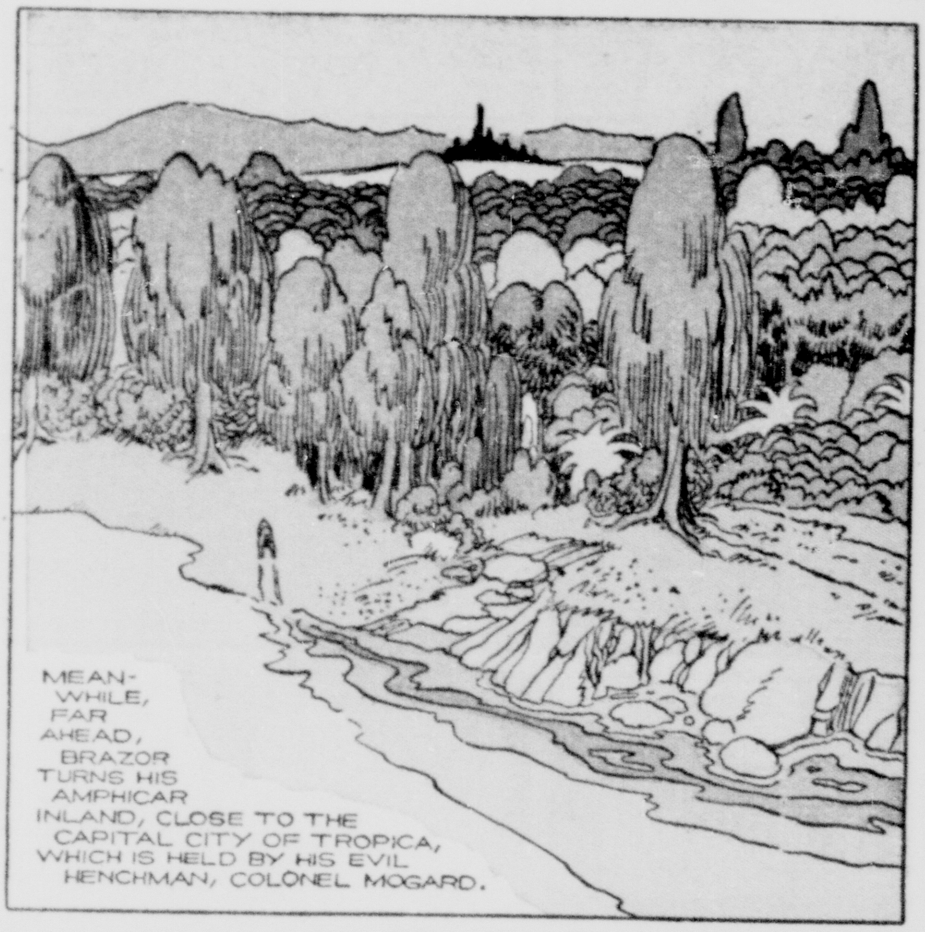


AFTER SAVING GUNDAR FROM A WATERY GRAVE, FLASH, DALE AND KOLAN RESUME PURSUIT OF BRAZOR.

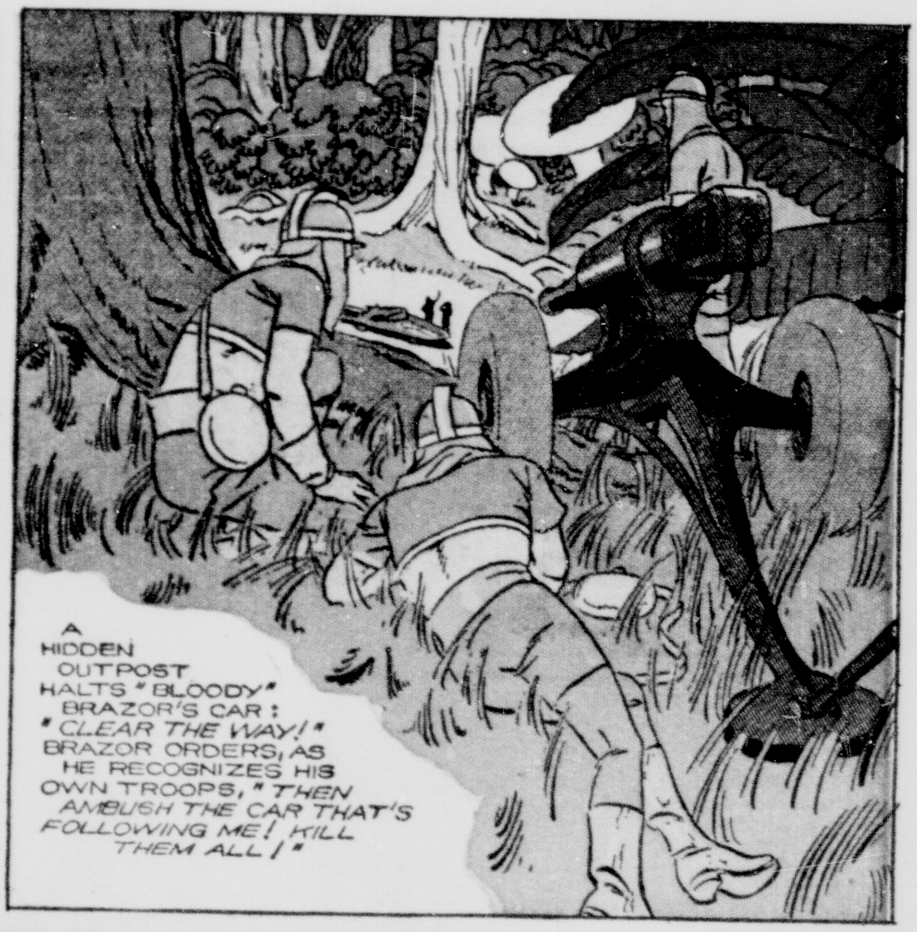
HIS STRENGTH RETURNING, THE OUTLAW CHIEFTAIN LEANS FORWARD : *"TAO'S WHISKERS! ISN'T THIS THE FOOL LIEUTENANT I ARRESTED FOR LETTING BRAZOR KIDNAP DESIRA?"* DALE BRAVES GUNDAR'S WRATH : *"SHAME ON YOU! KOLAN RISKED HIS LIFE TO HELP RESCUE YOU AND FLASH!"*



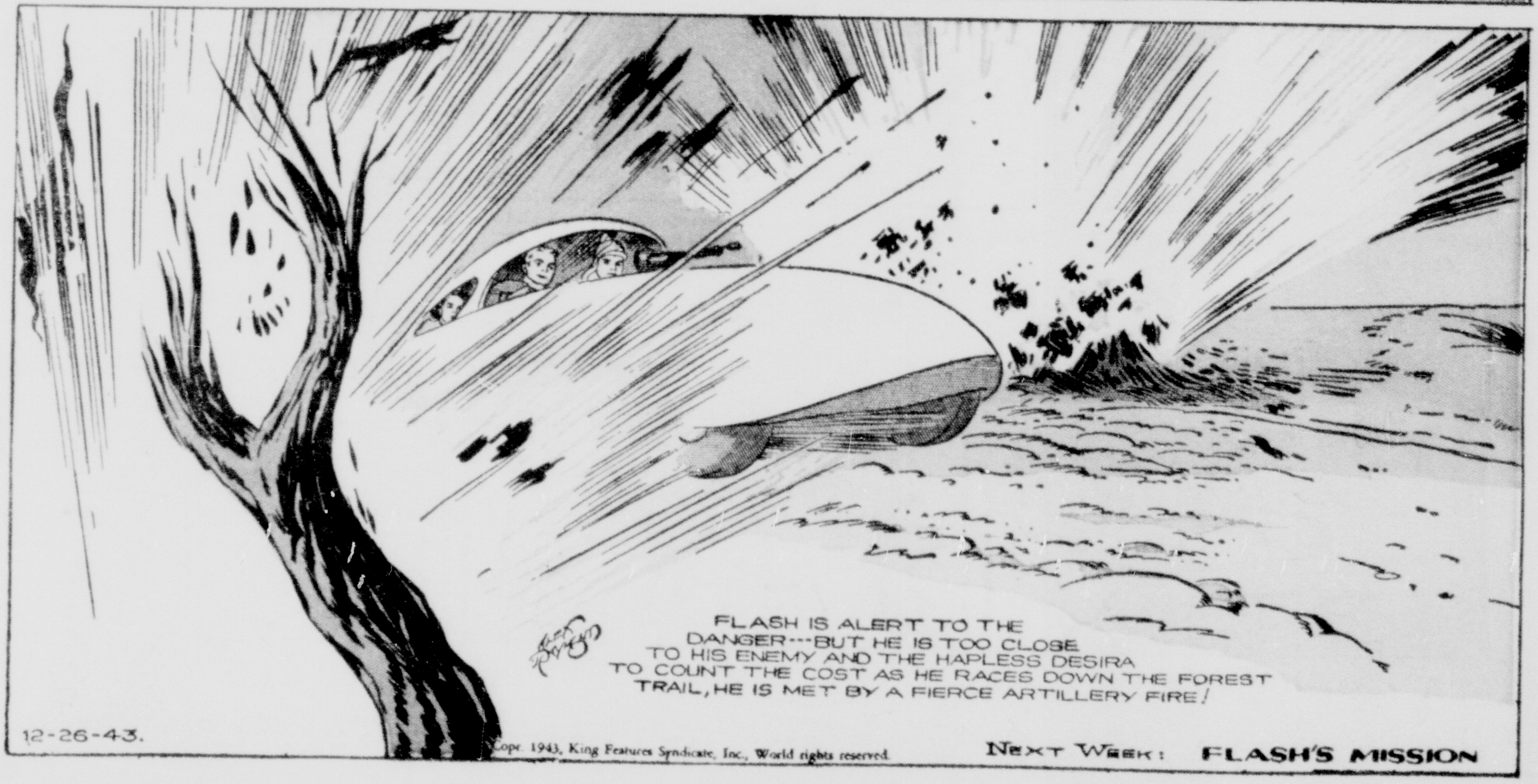
BUT GUNDAR IS A LEADER WHOSE FAIRNESS IS AS GREAT AS HIS FURY. LAUGHTER RUMBLES IN HIS THROAT, FOLLOWED BY WORDS THAT ARE A TONIC TO THE DISGRACED OFFICER : *"GOOD WORK, CAPTAIN KOLAN!"*



MEANWHILE, FAR AHEAD, BRAZOR TURNS HIS AMPHICAR INLAND, CLOSE TO THE CAPITAL CITY OF TROPICA, WHICH IS HELD BY HIS EVIL HENCHMAN, COLONEL MOGARD.



A HIDDEN OUTPOST HALTS "BLOODY" BRAZOR'S CAR : *"CLEAR THE WAY!"* BRAZOR ORDERS, AS HE RECOGNIZES HIS OWN TROOPS, *"THEN AMBUSH THE CAR THAT'S FOLLOWING ME! KILL THEM ALL!"*



FLASH IS ALERT TO THE DANGER---BUT HE IS TOO CLOSE TO HIS ENEMY AND THE HAPLESS DESIRA TO COUNT THE COST AS HE RACES DOWN THE FOREST TRAIL, HE IS MET BY A FIERCE ARTILLERY FIRE!

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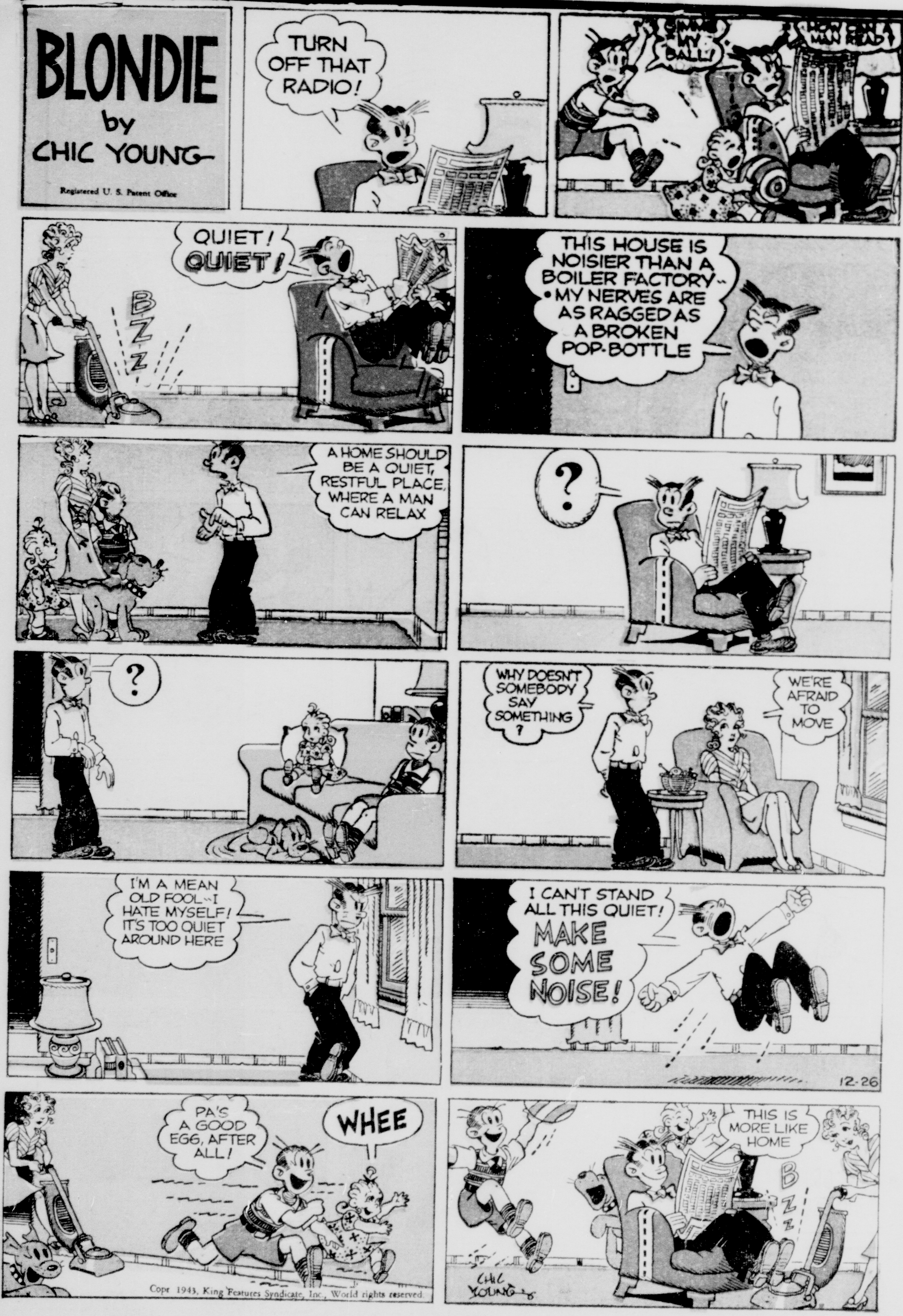
NEXT WEEK: **FLASH'S MISSION**


BLONDIE
by
CHIC YOUNG
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TURN OFF THAT RADIO!
GIMME MY BALL!
HOW CAN A MAN READ?
QUIET! QUIET!
BZZ
THIS HOUSE IS NOISIER THAN A BOILER FACTORY-- • MY NERVES ARE AS RAGGED AS A BROKEN POP-BOTTLE
A HOME SHOULD BE A QUIET, RESTFUL PLACE, WHERE A MAN CAN RELAX
?
?
WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY SAY SOMETHING ?
WE'RE AFRAID TO MOVE
I'M A MEAN OLD FOOL--I HATE MYSELF! IT'S TOO QUIET AROUND HERE
I CAN'T STAND ALL THIS QUIET! MAKE SOME NOISE!
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PA'S A GOOD EGG, AFTER ALL!
WHEE
THIS IS MORE LIKE HOME
BZZ
CHIC YOUNG

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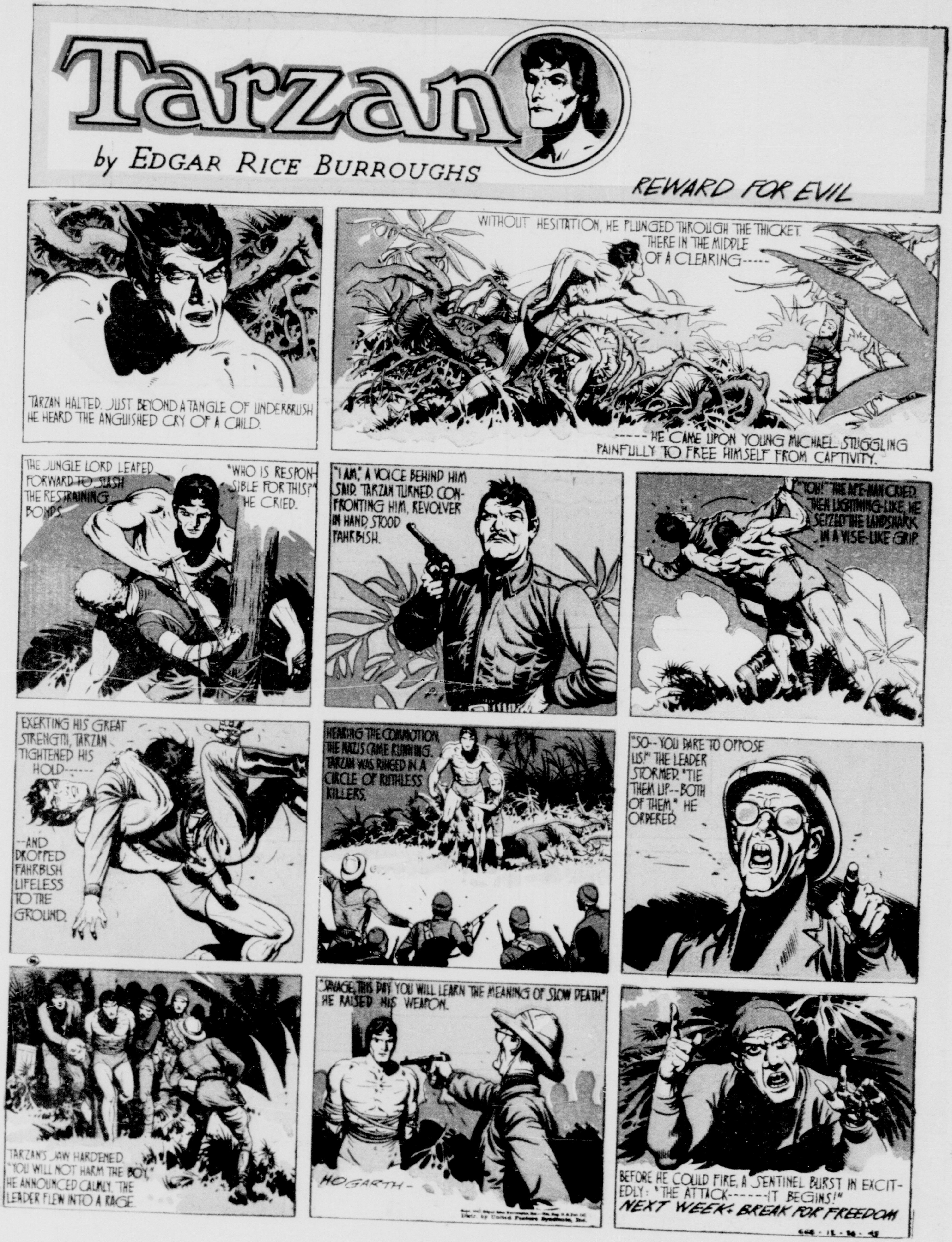
Tarzan
by EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS
REWARD FOR EVIL
TARZAN HALTED. JUST BEYOND A TANGLE OF UNDERBRUSH HE HEARD THE ANGUISHED CRY OF A CHILD.
WITHOUT HESITATION, HE PLUNGED THROUGH THE THICKET. THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CLEARING-----
-----HE CAME UPON YOUNG MICHAEL STUGGLING PAINFULLY TO FREE HIMSELF FROM CAPTIVITY.
THE JUNGLE LORD LEAPED FORWARD TO SLASH THE RESTRAINING BONDS.
"WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?" HE CRIED.
"I AM," A VOICE BEHIND HIM SAID. TARZAN TURNED. CONFRONTING HIM, REVOLVER IN HAND, STOOD FAHRBISH.
"YOU!" THE APE-MAN CRIED. THEN LIGHTNING-LIKE, HE SEIZED THE LANDSHARK IN A VISE-LIKE GRIP.
EXERTING HIS GREAT STRENGTH, TARZAN TIGHTENED HIS HOLD------
--AND DROPPED FAHRBISH LIFELESS TO THE GROUND.
HEARING THE COMMOTION, THE NAZIS CAME RUNNING. TARZAN WAS RINGED IN A CIRCLE OF RUTHLESS KILLERS.
"SO--YOU DARE TO OPPOSE US!" THE LEADER STORMED. "TIE THEM UP--BOTH OF THEM," HE ORDERED.
TARZAN'S JAW HARDENED. "YOU WILL NOT HARM THE BOY," HE ANNOUNCED CALMLY. THE LEADER FLEW INTO A RAGE.
"SAVAGE, THIS DAY YOU WILL LEARN THE MEANING OF SLOW DEATH." HE RAISED HIS WEAPON.
HOGARTH-
BEFORE HE COULD FIRE, A SENTINEL BURST IN EXCITEDLY: "THE ATTACK------IT BEGINS!"
NEXT WEEK: BREAK FOR FREEDOM
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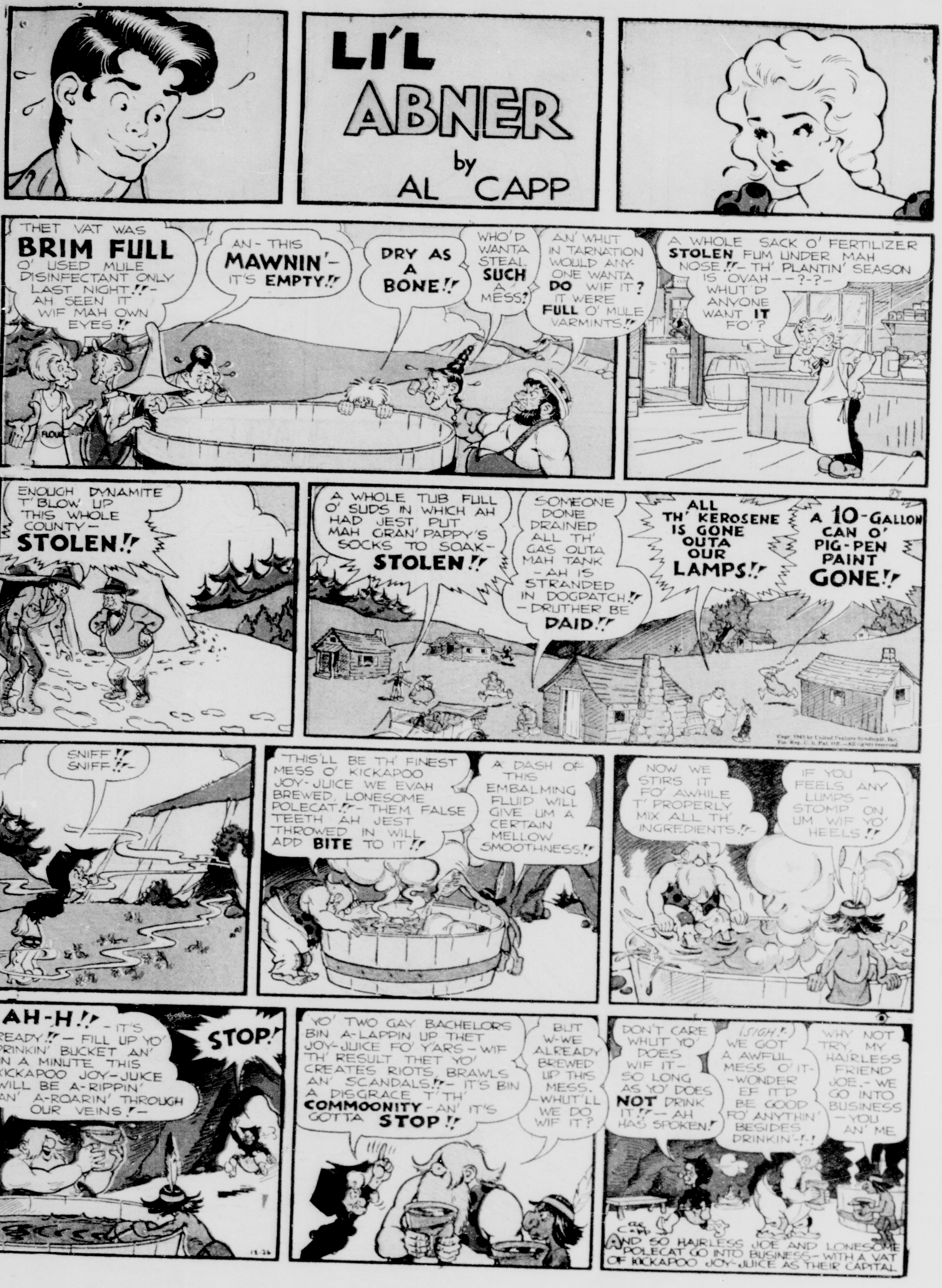
LI'L ABNER
by AL CAPP
THET VAT WAS BRIM FULL O' USED MULE DISINFECTANT ONLY LAST NIGHT!!—AH SEEN IT WIF MAH OWN EYES!!
AN—THIS MAWNIN'—IT'S EMPTY!!
DRY AS A BONE!!
WHO'D WANTA STEAL SUCH A MESS?
AN' WHUT IN TARNATION WOULD ANY-ONE WANTA DO WIF IT? IT WERE FULL O' MULE VARMINTS!!
FLOUR
A WHOLE SACK O' FERTILIZER STOLEN FUM UNDER MAH NOSE!!—TH' PLANTIN' SEASON IS OVAH——?-?—WHUT'D ANYONE WANT IT FO'?
ENOUGH DYNAMITE T' BLOW UP THIS WHOLE COUNTY—STOLEN!!
A WHOLE TUB FULL O' SUDS IN WHICH AH HAD JEST PUT MAH GRAN' PAPPY'S SOCKS TO SOAK—STOLEN!!
SOMEONE DONE DRAINED ALL TH' GAS OUTA MAH TANK—AH IS STRANDED IN DOGPATCH!!—DRUTHER BE DAID!!
ALL TH' KEROSENE IS GONE OUTA OUR LAMPS!!
A 10-GALLON CAN O' PIG-PEN PAINT GONE!!
SNIFF!! SNIFF!!—
"THIS'LL BE TH' FINEST MESS O' KICKAPOO JOY-JUICE WE EVAH BREWED, LONESOME POLECAT!!—THEM FALSE TEETH AH JEST THROWED IN WILL ADD BITE TO IT!!
A DASH OF THIS EMBALMING FLUID WILL GIVE UM A CERTAIN MELLOW SMOOTHNESS!!
NOW WE STIRS IT FO' AWHILE T' PROPERLY MIX ALL TH' INGREDIENTS!!—
IF YOU FEELS ANY LUMPS—STOMP ON UM WIF YO' HEELS!!
AH-H!!—IT'S READY!!—FILL UP YO' DRINKIN' BUCKET AN' IN A MINUTE THIS KICKAPOO JOY-JUKE WILL BE A-RIPPIN' AN' A-ROARIN' THROUGH OUR VEINS!—
STOP!
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YO' TWO GAY BACHELORS BIN A-LAPPIN UP THET JOY-JUICE FO' YARS—WIF TH' RESULT THET YO' CREATES RIOTS, BRAWLS AN' SCANDALS!!—IT'S BIN A DISGRACE T' TH' COMMOONITY—AN' IT'S GOTTA STOP!!
BUT W-WE ALREADY BREWED UP THIS MESS. —WHUT'LL WE DO WIF IT?
DON'T CARE WHUT YO' DOES WIF IT—SO LONG AS YO' DOES NOT DRINK IT!!—AH HAS SPOKEN!
(SIGH!) WE GOT A AWFUL MESS O' IT—WONDER EF IT'D BE GOOD FO' ANYTHIN' BESIDES DRINKIN'-!-!
WHY NOT TRY, MY HAIRLESS FRIEND JOE.—WE GO INTO BUSINESS—YOU AN' ME
CAPP
AND SO HAIRLESS JOE AND LONESOME POLECAT GO INTO BUSINESS—WITH A VAT OF KICKAPOO JOY-JUICE AS THEIR CAPITAL

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